

Elkton DDA Meeting
Monday, August 23rd, 2021
Elkton Village Hall
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Chairman Carrie Williams called the meeting to order at 5:44P.M. Members present: Gail Schember, Dan Armbruster, Jeff Daniels, and Tina Seley. Excused Absent: Deb Leippardt, Dave Fisher, Gretchen Roestel, and Dennis Ropp.

Carrie Williams asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Motion Dan Armbruster, second Gail Schember to approve the agenda, as presented.
Motion carried.

Tina Seley reminded others to help keep the flower pots watered and dead headed, so they look beautiful for Autumnfest.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Donation request from Historical Society- Model T parade

Gail Schember stated Randy Haley from Elkton Area Historical Society requested a donation for donuts and coffee for the Model T club. The Model T cars are coming to Elkton on Friday August 27 at 9am and stopping for refreshments at Ackerman Park. Discussion. Motion Dan Armbruster, second Gail Schember to donate \$200 to the Historical Society to be used for the donuts and coffee for the Model T club's visit to Elkton.
Motion carried.

2. Family Donations Received for Pocket Park/Treasurer's Report

Phyllis Baranski stated the Farver family and the Deering family each gave a \$100 donation to the Pocket Park in memory of loved ones. Phyllis Baranski stated the current bank balance is \$20,599.85.
Discussion on donations and bank balance.

3. Frankenmuth Credit Union Foundation Grant Award

Carrie Williams discussed the grant the DDA received for the Pocket Park. The amount given is \$40,000. Discussion on the grant award and recognition of the Foundation in the Park with signage. The grant nearly funds the entire Pocket Park project, so that it could be constructed in one year, instead of the original timeline of 3-5 years. Carrie Williams stated the grant award check would likely be disbursed in the next week and either given to her at work or mailed to Village Hall.

4. Pocket Park Ground Breaking/Hire Contractors

Discussion on the work needed to complete the Pocket Park. One verbal bid from Scott Carr was received for the concrete work. The members would like an itemized bid with the price given. Discussion on seeking more bids, timeline for completion, and possible contractors. Motion Dan Armbruster, second Carrie Williams to release bids for the concrete work with bids being due back to the Village Clerk's Office by 4:00P.M. on Tuesday September 7th, 2021. Discussion.
Motion carried.

Carrie Williams has also spoken to Esch Landscaping about the grant and the construction. Esch Landscaping stated they may be willing to do the entire project, so the DDA members agreed to have Carrie Williams reach out to them again for a bid quote and a timeline.

Discussion on ground breaking ceremony and ribbon cutting upon completion. The DDA is in agreeance to have such activities to promote the Pocket Park and recognize the funding from Frankenmuth Credit Union Foundation for our Communities.

5. Media Announcements/Signage

Discussion on a "Coming Soon" and "Funded By" sign for in the Pocket Park right now before construction starts. The signage would have a picture of the design so the community knows about the project, as well as recognition of the grant. Discussion on type of sign. Tina Seley is contacting Goat's Graphics to get prices for different types and sizes of signs and will report back at the next meeting. The ground breaking ceremony pictures will be shared with the news media and on social media to get the word out about the Pocket Park.

6. Pocket Park Neighbor Buildings Condition

Discussion on the condition of the sides of the building next to the Pocket Park. The members agreed that if the buildings need painting, siding, or repair it should be completed before the plants/trees are in the Pocket Park. The DDA would contact the building owners to make them aware of the timeline of the Pocket Park construction, so they could plan accordingly.

Public Comment: Bill Lee stated he would be willing to help with the Model T parade and possibly donate to the refreshments. Phyllis Baranski directed him to the Elkton Area Historical Society. Bill also shared information about Goat's Graphics and the estimate for signage he received from them.

Discussion on next meeting date.

Next meeting date for the DDA will be **Thursday SEPTEMBER 16th, 2021 at 8:00A.M.**

Motion Dan Armbruster, second Gail Schember to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phyllis A. Baranski, CMC, MiPMC
Village Clerk/ Treasurer
DDA Secretary/Treasurer