

Elkton DDA Meeting
Tuesday, February 21st, 2023
Elkton Village Hall
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Chairman Carrie Williams called the meeting to order at 6:07P.M. Members present: Gail Schember, Todd Schneider, Patrick Gregory, and Tina Seley. Members Excused Absent: Dan Armbruster, Dave Fisher, Deb Leipprandt, and Dennis Ropp.

Motion Tina Seley, second Gail Schember to approve the agenda, as presented.
Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Pocket Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Discussion on Summer Music schedule, timing of the ribbon cutting ceremony, invitation list, and coordination of a lunch time food offering. Discussion on installation of signage and condition of buildings on either side of the Pocket Park. Discussion on a mural on the ceramic shop side of the Pocket Park. The members agreed to host a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday May 19th, 2023 at 12noon with “The Coney Guys” being hired to offer food. Todd Schneider will gather more information regarding the food offering.
2. Art in the Alley
Gail Schember is contacting Laker Schools’ art teachers to gauge their interest in displaying student art work. Carrie Williams also has a contact at Lakers to get more information. Discussion on types of art work, age groups, location of display, date of an event, and benefits of hosting such an event.
Dan Armbruster entered the meeting at 6:27P.M.
Discussion on weather affecting the quality of an outdoor display. The members agreed to walk through the walkway alley by the Huron Youth Center to determine the condition and lighting and to report back each member’s opinion at the next meeting.

New Business:

1. Treasurer’s Report
Phyllis Baranski stated the current DDA checking balance is \$14,590.97. The only expense this time of year is the DTE Energy bill for the Pocket Park. Discussion on the finances.
2. Estimate for Spring/Fall from Esch Landscaping
Discussion on the 2023 Landscape Services Proposal from Esch Landscaping for the Pocket Park. Motion Patrick Gregory, second Gail Schember to deny the Spring Clean-Up portion of the estimate and approve the Turf Care Program portion of the estimate at a cost of \$280. Discussion on the members having a work day to do the spring clean-up, but hiring out the weed and fertilizer care for the Pocket Park.
Motion carried.

Tina Seley discussed the flower pots that are placed downtown in the spring. The members agree the same types of flowers should be placed in the pots and that it should be communicated better to the businesses the need for watering the pots.

Public Comment: Bill Lee stated he is a member of the Thumb Area Quilt Guild and events could be coordinated in conjunction with the Guild's events.

Laurie Cook stated she hosts children's art classes and could have some pieces to display for the Art in the Alley event. She questioned the condition of downtown buildings and solutions for remediating them. Laurie also discussed the lack of parking options in the downtown business area.

Discussion on next meeting date and members availability. Members agree to a morning meeting time.

Next meeting date for the DDA will be **Wednesday April 26st, 2023 at 8:00A.M.**

Motion Dan Armbruster, second Patrick Gregory to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51P.M.

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