

Elkton DDA Meeting
Wednesday, April 10th, 2019
Elkton Village Hall
57 N. Main St.
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Elkton, MI 48731
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Lunch provided by Gail Schember.

Members present: Gail Schember, Dennis Ropp, Carrie Williams, and David Fisher. Excused Absent: Harrison Gunden, Deb Leipprandt, Jeff Daniels, Randy Haley, and Nancy Doyle. Guests: Martin Baker.

A quorum of the Elkton DDA is not present; therefore an informal discussion took place while the members enjoyed their lunch beginning at 12:07P.M.

Martin Baker gave an update on the digital sign. The donation of the digital sign from the old Champagne Funeral Home is still undecided. Once the building is sold, more information will be available on the removal of the sign.

Martin Baker was given some expenses from Jeff Daniels for the Murder Mystery Fundraiser. Jeff Daniels sold 57 meals at a cost of \$8.50 each. Jeff Daniels also had expenses for the table service. Agnes Kosinski and Janet Devorye had expenses for decorations and prizes. Profit will likely be around \$1,000. David Fisher suggested the DDA pay off the loan to the Village. The rest of the group would rather spend the money on projects to have the DDA visible in the community. The painting of more murals was suggested as a project. Gail Schember is going to speak with the Laker High School Art Teacher, Mr. Donovan regarding the murals that were painted by students.

Martin Baker spoke about the Community Groups meetings. The DDA has hosted two community wide meetings. The first one went well with a large turnout and some event sharing. The second meeting had fewer people show up and some of the community groups were not represented. Carrie Williams stated that one idea from the second community group meeting was to offer the fundraiser "Egg My Yard" at Easter. The concept is to pay the DDA to place plastic eggs in your yard for your children to find on Easter morning. The plastic eggs would be filled with toys/trinkets and not candy. The cost is based on the number of eggs to be placed. The group agreed to put this on the agenda for the next DDA meeting. Another topic from the second Community Groups meeting is the Country Street Fair on Saturday Sept. 28th. Martin Baker thought the DDA could be involved in this event, since so many vendors will be coming into town that day. The group agreed to put this on the agenda for the next DDA meeting.

Carrie Williams discussed the flower planting in the barrels on Main St. Last year Carrie Williams planted the flowers and had gotten the flowers for a discount from the Laker FFA. Carrie Williams and Gail Schember volunteered to plant the barrels this year. The next DDA meeting takes place in May prior to Memorial Day Weekend, so the DDA could vote on spending money on flowers, if needed. The group agreed to put this on the agenda for the next DDA meeting.

Dennis Ropp asked if anyone has been able to contact the owner of the old Bud's Bar lot. Chief Scott Jobs made contact with the owner, Anette Cobb, a few weeks ago. Anette had received the letter from Martin Baker regarding the purchase of the empty lot. Anette is going to speak with her son regarding the lot and would like a call back. Martin Baker would like to call her around May 15th to check on her response.

The fourth Wednesday of May is May 22nd. The Village Auditors will be using the meeting room at Village Hall, so David Fisher has offered to host the meeting at his business located at 32 N. Main St.

Next meeting date for the DDA will be Wednesday May 22nd, 2019 at 12:00NOON.

No one has volunteered to provide the lunch. Please contact Phyllis Baranski or Harrison Gunden if you would like to volunteer.

Discussion adjourned at 1:00P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phyllis A. Baranski, CMC, CMMC