

Elkton DDA Meeting
Wednesday, May 18th, 2022
Elkton Village Hall
57 N. Main St.
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Chairman Carrie Williams called the meeting to order at 6:09P.M. Members present: Gail Schember, Deb Leipprandt, Tina Seley, and Dennis Ropp. Excused Absent: Dan Armbruster, Dave Fisher, and Gretchen Roestel. Resignation tendered: Jeff Daniels.

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

Old Business:

1. Pocket Park Update – Esch Landscaping

Matt Esch stated the pergola is installed, electricity and water features will be turned on soon, and the asphalt will be laid next week as the prep work is already finished. Mat Esch stated that Autokiniton has the materials to make the sign now. Matt will wait until the sign is installed and then install the planting beds around the posts. Phyllis Baranski gave an update regarding the installation of the benches, garbage cans, and dog cleanup post. Phyllis Baranski suggested stringing Edison style lights between the pergolas. Everyone agreed on this idea and Matt will make sure a power outlet is installed for this purpose. Discussion on the progress of the Pocket Park construction and needs for completion. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled when the park is 100% complete.

2. Choose Donor Signage for Pocket Park

Phyllis Baranski discussed options for donor signage. Everyone agrees to wait until the installation of the Pocket Park sign before choosing any donor signage.

3. Electric Vehicle Chargers

Phyllis Baranski gave a synopsis of the Zoom meeting held several weeks ago with the Huron County Economic Development Corporation and DTE Energy. No grants for construction are available at this time and the cost is too prohibitive for the DDA to pursue the installation of Electric Vehicle Chargers at this time. Discussion regarding EV chargers and trends around the state.

New Business:

1. Resignation of Jeff Daniels

Phyllis Baranski stated Jeff Daniels turned in his resignation on April 26, 2022 citing personal reasons. Motion Gail Schember, second Tina Seley to accept the resignation of Jeff Daniels from the DDA board. Motion carried.

2. Advertisement for New Member

Discussion regarding the open member seat. Current members will ask some of the business people, the opening will be placed on the Village LED sign, and Agnes Kosinski will be asked to put on her Elkton Business Facebook Page. Hopefully, at the next meeting a new member can be appointed to the DDA and then approved at the Council Meeting.

3. Flower Pots Downtown

Gail Schember stated the pots are ready for pick up at the greenhouse. Lonnie Schulz, DPW Superintendent, will schedule the pickup and placement of the pots downtown. Everyone agrees the flower pots need to be placed before Memorial Day weekend.

4. Flowers to New Businesses

Phyllis Baranski stated that flowers were sent to two new businesses in the downtown. The first was the dog grooming at 19 N. Main and the second was the antique shop at 4 N. Main. Discussion on the frame shop opening. It was determined the frame shop is now open and Phyllis Baranski will order the welcome flowers.

Discussion on the vitality of the downtown currently, the new pavilion placed in Vet's Park, and what a great addition the Pocket Park has been.

Public Comment:

1. Bill Lee discussed a framed flag for the 125th Anniversary, the Pocket Park grass, grand opening ideas for the Pocket Park, Vet's Park questions, and announced the signage and hours for his new frame shop are posted on the building.

Discussion on next meeting date and members availability.

Next meeting date for the DDA will be **Tuesday JUNE 28th, 2022 at 8:00A.M.**

Motion Gail Schember, second Carrie Williams to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32P.M.

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