

Elkton DDA Meeting
Wednesday, April 26th, 2023
Elkton Village Hall
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Chairman Carrie Williams called the meeting to order at 8:00A.M. Members present: Gail Sember, Todd Schneider, Patrick Gregory, Dave Fisher, and Tina Seley. Members Excused Absent: Dan Armbruster, Deb Leipprandt, and Dennis Ropp.

Motion Carrie Williams, second Tina Seley to approve the minutes from February 21st, 2023, as presented.

Motion carried.

Motion Carrie Williams, second Tina Seley to approve the agenda, as amended.

Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Pocket Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Discussion on the installation of the Pocket Park signs, donor signs, ribbon cutting invitations, and food offering. Todd Schneider shared the information he gathered for the cost of having "The Coney Guys" cater the ribbon cutting as well as the cost of having some music. Discussion on the costs and other food options. Tina Seley will ask some of the firefighters to grill some hot dogs and put in a roaster. Tina Seley will also get some water bottles, buns, and condiments. Carrie Williams and Phyllis Baranski will donate individual bags of chips. This grab and go lunch will be planned for around 50 attendees. The food could be moved indoors at Village Hall if needed due to inclement weather conditions.

2. Art in the Alley

Gail Sember discussed the condition of the walkway alley. Everyone agrees it is too narrow and uneven to host an event there. Discussion on future ideas of coordinating with the Lions Club Kid's Day that is held in June each year. A kid's art project could be hosted by the DDA during that annual event. More discussion will take place in the winter to coordinate for June of 2024.

Carrie Williams asked about the flower pots for downtown. Phyllis Baranski stated the DPW usually places them a few days before Memorial Day Weekend.

New Business:

1. Treasurer's Report

Phyllis Baranski stated the current DDA checking balance is over \$14,000. She did not have the exact number available.

2. DDA District Sidewalk Project Donation

Phyllis Baranski stated the Village Council agreed to spend up to \$25,000 on a new five foot sidewalk on the south side of M-142 from the Wesleyan Church to the Dollar General. Phyllis stated this is in DDA district and the DDA could contribute funds to the construction costs.

Discussion. Motion Dave Fisher, second Gail Schember to table the donation towards the sidewalk until the final bill is received by the Village and then an amount to contribute could be decided.

Motion carried.

3. Pocket Park Spring Clean Up

Phyllis Baranski stated the condition of the Pocket Park is very good. Some trash has been picked up and the mulch looks full and fresh. The members agree a spring “work bee” is not needed this year. Everyone agrees to keep an eye on any trash that may blow in there this summer. Phyllis Baranski stated that Esch Landscaping did come in and apply the grass care last week. The bubbling rock will be started back up once the threat of freezing has passed this spring.

Tina Seley reminded everyone the flower pots that are placed downtown in the spring should be watered by the business owner and the business owner needs to be told this so the flowers thrive.

Public Comment: Lonna Fisher asked that everyone speak up louder during discussions and asked the date of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Discussion on next meeting date and members availability. Members agree to meet the week of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to finalize plans.

Next meeting date for the DDA will be **Wednesday May 17th, 2023 at 8:00A.M.**

Motion Dave Fisher, second Gail Schember to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25A.M.

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