

Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority

Minutes

Monday, March 26, 2018

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, February 26, 2018 in the Conference Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aeh at 4:05 p.m.

Present: David Aeh, David Aro, Rosemarie Strom, Jay Clancey, Anne Giroux, and Mark Slown (6). Absent: Tracey Magnuson, Sandy Arsenault, Teresa Perry, Carrie Meyer, and Justin Koski (5). Also present was Jim Lampman, Finance Director, Linda Andriacchi, Councilman Mike Tonkin, and Mark Pynnonen from Signs Now.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Giroux, supported by Member Slown and carried unanimously to approve the February 26, 2018 minutes as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Lampman reviewed the financial statements for the period ending February 28, 2018. After some brief discussion regarding various line items, a motion was made by Member Aro, supported by Member Strom and carried unanimously to accept the financial statements as presented.

WELCOME TO DOWNTOWN ISHPEMING SIGNAGE

Member Slown advised this proposal was for two signs at the Hematite and Third Street location and at Division Street and Lakeshore location.

Mark Pynnonen, Signs Now, reviewed the three samples of signs and the prices of each. There was discussion regarding wayfinding signage in general around the City; the need to keep all the signs consistent and similar; the benefits of having plastic formed letters versus cut out letter.

It was the consensus of the DDA to direct Manager Slown to seek grant funding for two welcome to Ishpeming signs in the amount of \$2,500.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda Andriacchi provided an update on her progress in seeking donations for beautification in 2018 and reviewed some of her plans. Member Giroux offered to recruit some high school students that needed to complete some community services hours for National Honor Society to help with cleaning garden beds.

There was consensus of have the Kickoff Breakfast meeting at City Hall on Wednesday, April 25th at 9:30 a.m.

Member Aeh advised he was still working on obtaining a donated truck for beautification from a couple of organizations in the area.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

It was the consensus of the DDA to file the Chamber of Commerce report.

LAKE BANCROFT PAVILION UPDATE

Member Slown provided an update on the project and discussion followed on the proposed conceptual drawings of the pavilion. The next meeting of the Lake Bancroft Area Development Committee was scheduled for the middle of April.

INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH DDA AND COUNTY BROWNFIELD AUTHORITY

Member Giroux advised this was the final document with all the changes incorporated by the Brownfield Authority and City Staff.

BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR ANDERSON BUILDING

Member Giroux provided a brief review of the proposed Brownfield Plan for the Anderson Building that would be going to the City Council for approval at their March 28th Special meeting. The length of the Brownfield Plan was 18 years with the capture beginning in 2020.

She further reported there was still a significant gap in the funding for the project and the developer was waiting to hear back from the MEDC.

ISHPEMING BUSINESS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Member Aeh reported the IBA is working with the Chamber to operate from their location; they were working on the Ishpeming Brochure, and the Festival of Treasures was scheduled for July 3, 2018.

OLD BUSINESS – There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Giroux noted the Neighborhood Improvement Committee was providing Welcome Baskets to new property owners in the City and Mr. Lampman had opened an account to accept donations; she reported the Greater Ishpeming Area Community Fund will be holding a Business After Hours at the Ski Hall of Fame in November; and the Land Bank Authority acquired the property at 1400 N. Third Street and were applying for a grant with the DEQ to remove underground tanks at the site and there was a purchase agreement for a new business at the site.

Member Slown requested the DDA approve a resolution of support for the submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for the Tennis Courts and Trail Project at the Ishpeming Playgrounds.

A motion was made by Member Giroux, supported by Member Aro and carried unanimously to approve the resolution of support for the MNRTF Grant for the Tennis Court and Trail Project at the Ishpeming Playgrounds.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:30 p.m., a motion was made by Member Clancey supported by Member Giroux and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary