

**Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority**  
**Minutes**  
**Monday, July 23, 2018**

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The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, July 23, 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, John Carlson, Anne Giroux, Carrie Meyer, Teresa Perry, David Aro, and Mark Slown (7).  
Absent: Sandy Arsenault, Jay Clancey, Tracy Magnuson, and Justin Koski (4). Also present was Jim Lampman, Finance Director, Linda Andriacchi, and Councilman Mike Tonkin.

Chairman Aeh introduced new member John Carlson. He also thanked Rose Strom for her service to the DDA.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Giroux, supported by Member Meyer and carried unanimously to approve the May 21, 2018 minutes as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director Jim Lampman reviewed the financial statements for the period ending June 30th. A motion was made by Member Aro, supported by Member Perry and carried unanimously to accept the financial statements as presented.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda Andriacchi informed the DDA that the three ladies that were doing the work at Old Ish would not be able to continue so she was looking for additional volunteers for beautification. She also reported that David Harrington, Beautification Garden Caretaker, would be on vacation the week of August 12<sup>th</sup> and she was looking for someone to replace him during that timeframe.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

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

CUPPAD PROSPEROUS PLACES MINI-GRANT AWARD FOR DOWNTOWN WELCOME SIGNS

Member Slown explained a grant in the amount of \$2,500 for the “Downtown Welcome Signs and Gardens” was received from CUPPAD through the Prosperous Places Mini-Grants. He advised there was a \$2,500 match which would come from Beautification and in-kind services from DPW.

A motion was made by Member Giroux, supported by Member Perry and carried unanimously to accept the grant in the amount of \$2,500 for the Downtown Welcome Signs and Gardens and authorize the Chair to sign the grant agreement.

There was discussion on the location of the signs. Member Slown advised there were two location:

Hematite and Third Street at

- (1) the existing sign location on the south side of Third Street
- (2) the Power of 10 Park

Lakeshore Drive/Greenwood/Division Street Intersection

- (1) Triangle property south of the intersection
- (2) Corner of Oasis Gas Station

Members would contact Cathy Smith with their preference for the location of the signs to get a tally and see which sites are preferred.

LAKE BANCROFT PAVILION PROJECT UPDATE

Member Slown advised this was on hold for the final plan approve and final grant agreement approval from the DNR.

ISHPEMING BUSINESS ASSOCIATION REPORT

David Aeh provided an update on the IBA progress with becoming a 501(c)3. He reported the Festival of Treasures was a success and went very well. The summer concert series are being held on Thursday evenings and have been well attended.

OLD BUSINESS – There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Perry announced LifePoint has entered into an agreement to merge with RCCH HealthCare Partners so when the transaction closes over the next several months the combined LifePoint and RCCH will own UP Health Systems Bell.

Member Aeh reported a letter that was received by antique and second hand stores downtown from the City regarding enforcement of Ordinance #3-1200 in which they had to apply for a license through the City at a cost of \$100 annually. He and other business owners were very upset with the letter and were working together on a response to the City requesting a Committee be established to review the ordinance for possible amendments.

There was discussion and it was felt this issue should be discussed with the City Manager and City Council.

Member Meyer advised the School Board was looking for people to fill vacant seats and asked DDA members to pass the word so hopefully the vacant seats can be filled.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:31 p.m., a motion was made by Member Giroux, supported by Member Carlson and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith  
Recording Secretary