

**Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority
Minutes
Monday, May 20, 2019**

The informational meeting for the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, May 20 2019 in the Conference Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aeh at 3:30 p.m.

Present: David Aeh, Tracy Magnuson, Sandy Arsenault, Carrie Meyer, Anne Giroux, Karl Lehmann, and Mark Slown (7), Jim Lampman Financial Director. Absent: Jay Clancey, Dave Aro, John Carlson, and Teresa Perry.

A motion was made by Mark Slown with support from Sandy Arsenault to begin the regular scheduled meeting while waiting for someone from the public to show. The motion was carried unanimously

No members of the public were present. A motion was made by Karl Lehmann at 4 p.m. to close the informational session with support by Mark Slown. It was unanimously approved and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Sandy Arsenault with support from Karl Lehmann to approve the March 25, 2019 minutes. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Jim Lampman presented his report. Anne Giroux inquired about the tax revenue for 2018 and if it came in as predicted. Jim informed everyone that the tax revenues for 2018 came in extremely close to what was predicted for 2018. A motion was made by Karl Lehmann with support from Anne Giroux to accept the financial report as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

No members were present at the meeting.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

No members were present at the meeting.

UPDATE ON LAKE BANCROFT PAVILION PROJECT

Mark Slown reported that they were in the final stages of coordinating the final costs for the project because they received additional funding from various agencies. Also, St John's will be donating time to help with the landscaping. They are hoping that construction can start in 4 weeks with completion in approximately 2-3 months.

ISHPEMING COMMUNITY EVENTS REPORT

Tracy Magnuson advised they were working on the Gus Macker. The website was up and running to advertise the event. They are currently delivering flyers to all the schools in Calumet, Sault Ste Marie, Escanaba, and all of the local schools and are working with the City on parking spots and road closures. Half of the money raised would benefit Bay Cliff and the other half will go to the local school with the most volunteers.

Tracy Magnuson also advised that the Festival of Treasures will be held on July 3rd. They have been working on computerized forms this year for anyone wanting to participate in the event. The music in the park is scheduled to start on June 20th. New this year is they are trying to raise money so that they are able to pay something to the musicians. The Gossart Building will be made available to the musicians in case of rain.

June 3rd 2019 is the next scheduled meeting on the Ishpeming Community Events Board. It will be held at the Iron Range Agency Office at 5 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Slown presented the panels which are made up of composite aluminum that will be placed over the ugly grates that are on the side of the AT&T building on Division Street. The panels which are 4' x 8' each cost \$300. We have already received a donation for the 1st panel. Permission was already received from AT&T and Verizon who currently own the property. The panels are designed to last approximately 50 years. He also advised that the new downtown signs were to be delivered by the end of the week and installed by DPW.

Anne Giroux advised that they have plans to convert the property across from the front doors of the High School into an art park. They have received a grant for the project. The park will include 4 art panels which will display 2 art projects each, a fence which will be made of railroad rails (donated by the railroad) will be installed on the side by the house, and 2 benches. The art will come from local students. They have also applied for a tree grant. Phase 2 will include a front sign along with landscaping. Along the fence they will install 20 pictures made by 5th and 6th grade students.

NEW BUSINESS

Karl Lehmann would like to establish some type of beautification award for residents. The award would recognize residents that are making an effort to improve their property.

Anne Giroux brought up that she would like to combine the Blight and the Neighborhood Committee.

The street sweeping kick off will be on Thursday 5/23 at 10 a.m.

David Aeh and Jay Clancey are currently working on a brochure which would be a guide on things interesting to do within the community.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sandy Arsenault with support by Tracy Magnuson to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April Holm
Recording Secretary