

**Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority
Minutes
Monday, June 15, 2020**

The rescheduled meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, June 15, 2020 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aeh at 4:05 p.m.

Present: David Aeh, Tracy Magnuson, Dave Aro, Sandy Arsenault, Eric Laksonen, Carrie Meyer, Craig Cugini, and Jason Chapman (8). Absent: John Carlson, Jay Clancey, and 1 vacant position (3). Also present was Linda Andriacchi, Bob Hendrickson from the GINCC, and Councilmember Lindsay Bean.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Chapman, supported by Member Magnuson and carried unanimously to approve the January 27, 2020 minutes as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director James Lampman reviewed the financial report for period ending May 31, 2020. A motion was made by Member Magnuson, supported by Member Chapman and carried unanimously to approve the financial report as presented.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda Andriacchi advised the baskets would be hung the end of this week by DPW. She reported some of the volunteers resigned from beautification this year so was looking for anyone that might be interested in volunteering. She also worked with Anne Giroux on the Art Park by the high school. She announced there would be a ribbon cutting for her greenhouse on Division Street on Thursday, June 25th at 4:30 p.m.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Bob Hendrickson, Chamber of Commerce Director, reviewed the Chamber report. He talked briefly about businesses he talked and how they were coping with the COVID-19 guidelines. He summarized the Love on Local program and how the Chamber was promoting the program. Member Chapman encouraged the DDA and members of the community to support the Love on Local program.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION

- a. Open Informational Session – At 4:39 p.m., Chairman Aeh opened the informational session of the DDA which was a requirement of Public Act 57 of 2018.
- b. Take Public Questions/Input – Finance Director James Lampman updated the DDA on items that required changes or updates to comply with Public Act 57 of 2018 which include the City Website, new reporting for the Tax Increment Financing, and holding informational meetings. He provided a brief summary of the financial status of the DDA.
- c. Close Informational Session - There being no further questions or input, the informational session of the DDA was closed at 4:46 p.m.

UPDATE ON LAKE BANCROFT PAVILION PROJECT

Manager Cugini advised there were a few items left on the punch list for the pavilion. The ribbon cutting was scheduled for Friday, June 10, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION ON BUSINESS CLOSURES DUE TO COVID-19

Councilmember Lindsay Bean announced there would be a meeting tomorrow at the inspiration orchard for business owners to discuss a small-scale event for the Forth of July in the downtown. She advised the survey conducted revealed businesses were in favor of street closures for the Fourth.

Manager Cugini advised the City supported all the businesses in the downtown and was in favor of a small-scale event.

ISHPEMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Member Magnuson reported the Gus Macker was postponed until June of 2021; Festival of Treasures was cancelled, however, music in the park would start potentially in August but could be sooner. She thanked the High School for having the drive by event for the 2020 graduates.

OLD BUSINESS – There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Arsenault asked if she could have authorization to paint the lines for the loading zoning and the handicapped parking space in front of the Gossard. She also wanted to paint the curb yellow in front of the entrance into the building. Manager Cugini provided authorization.

She also suggested the plowing of the sidewalks be done more frequently during the winter on Cleveland Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:35 p.m., a motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Chapman and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Smith
City Clerk