

**Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority**  
**Minutes**  
**Monday, May 23, 2022**

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The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, May 23, 2022 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aeh at 4:00 p.m.

Present: David Aeh, David Aro (via Zoom), Sandy Arsenault, Carrie Meyer, Tracy Magnuson (arrived at 4:05 p.m.), Brian Buchanan, Jay Clancey, Rob Taylor, and Craig Cugini, (9). Absent: Eric Laksonen and Jason Chapman (2). Also present were Bob Hendrickson from the GINCC and Linda Andriacchi, beautification committee.

Chairman Aeh advised his term was expiring along with Tracy Magnuson and Brian Buchanan. The DDA would like all three members to be reappointed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bryce Sturmer, 367 Count Road in Negaunee and owner of Velodrome Coffee, voiced his support for the Façade Grant application for the Ish Creamery project; he also thanked the DDA for their support of Velodrome Coffee and for the façade grant awarded to Velodrome Coffee last year.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Member Meyer supported by Member Arsenault and carried unanimously to approve the March 28, 2022 minutes as presented.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Finance Office Manager Joe Erickson reviewed the monthly financial report for period ending May 2022.

A motion was made by Member Clancey supported by Member Taylor and carried unanimously to approve the financial report as presented.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT**

Bob Henrickson provided a summary of the Chamber of Commerce report.

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Linda Andriacchi advised everything was on track for beautification. David Harrington and Owen Morton have agreed to hang the baskets again this year and the baskets would be arriving the beginning of June. She would like to hold a kickoff meeting for beautification, similar to what was done in the past. Beautification was still looking for volunteers and she felt the kickoff meeting would be a good way to reach out to new volunteers.

Mrs. Andriacchi also requested DPW remove the dead tree and lay sod at the corner bed on First Street and Hematite; and asked if the bed on Lakeshore Drive, where the blocks were knocked down by a plow, could be repaired.

The Chamber of Commerce would be sending out an e-blast and Cathy Smith would send out letters to the volunteers.

Manager Cugini advised Northern Iron Church would be working on the City Hall bed and the highway roundabout.

**INFORMATIONAL SESSION**

**a. Open Information Session** - Chairman Aeh opened the Information Session at 4:33 p.m.

**b. Public questions/input** - There were no questions or input.

**c. Close Informational Session** – Chairman Aeh closed the Information Session at 4:35 p.m.

**JOINT MEETING WITH THE CITY COUNCIL-PLANNING COMMISSION: 6/15/2022 @ 6:00 P.M.**

Manager Cugini advised the Lake Superior Community Partnership would be making a presentation and looking for input at this meeting and it would be beneficial for members of the DDA to attend.

**FAÇADE GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW: LISA THOMPSON FOR ISH CREAMERY**

Member Magnuson recused herself from voting as the applicant obtained insurance through her business, Iron Range Agency.

Manager Cugini reviewed the proposed grant application submitted by Ish Creamery and the dollar amount of the proposed improvements to the site. He further discussed parking at the location. He recommended a façade grant be awarded to Ish Creamery in the amount of \$10,000 which is the maximum amount per application. There was further discussion related to the amount of the façade grant to award to Ish Creamery since it was the only application received.

He suggested, since no other applications were received and the amount budgeted for 2022 was \$20,000, the other \$10,000 could be used to help with the ADA sidewalk issue at West End Bike. There was further discussion on the proposed design of the ADA entrance.

A motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Meyer to approve the grant application and authorize a \$10,000 Façade Grant to the Ish Creamery. Motion passed 8-0 with Member Magnuson abstaining.

There was continued discussion related to the ADA sidewalk issue at West End Bike. It was felt the DDA might contribute some dollars toward the project but would like to have an estimate and design brought back to review before deciding.

**ISHPEMING COMMUNITY EVENTS** - Member Magnuson provided an update on upcoming events including the Fourth of July Festivities, Festival of Treasures on July 1<sup>st</sup>, Music in the Park, and the Gus Macker.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Manager Cugini provided an update on the last Skate Park Committee meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Manager Cugini reminded everyone of the Memorial Day ceremony to be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Ishpeming Cemetery and the Fourth of July Parade on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. He also advised next year he would like to have a community project to clean veteran markers at the Cemetery.

Member Meyer provided an update on various school projects including redoing the old auxiliary gym; replacing some exterior doors and some lighting, installing three new boilers, a roofing project next summer and getting playground equipment ordered and installed next summer.

Member Aro noted the playground at Lake Bancroft had been fully funded and the equipment would be arriving in the winter and would be installed in the spring of 2023.

Member Aeh advised 2023 would be the 150-year celebration for Ishpeming.; he also provided an update on the Historic Tour in June.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:20 p.m., a motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Taylor and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager