

Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority
Minutes
Monday, August 22, 2016

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, August 22, 2016 in the Conference Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aeh at 4:00 p.m.

Present: David Aeh, David Aro, Jay Clancey, Teresa Perry, Anne Giroux, Claudia Demarest and Mark Slown (7).
Absent: Carrie Meyers, Sandy Arsenault, Rose Strom, and Diane Gauthier (4). Also present was Jim Lampman, Matt Treado from U.P. Engineers and Architect, and Linda Andriacchi.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Demarest, supported by Member Giroux and carried unanimously to approve the July 25, 2016 minutes as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Lampman reviewed the financial statements for the period ending July 31, 2016. A motion was made by Member Aro, supported by Member Demarest and carried unanimously to approve the financial statements as presented.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

a. Beautification budget to switch from DPW responsibility to DDA responsibility

Linda Andriacchi reported some of the planters had been taken down because they looked so poor, and she briefly summarized what she found to be some of the problems that occurred with the planters over the course of the summer.

There was discussion related to the part-time beautification employee working directly for the DDA under the supervision of Mrs. Andriacchi instead of being a DPW responsibility. Staff would work together with DPW to accomplish this goal and would report back at a future meeting.

Mrs. Andriacchi also reported she had been working with Danielle LaCavalla, Chamber of Commerce Director, to initiating a fund raising effort for beautification in the City of Ishpeming. Discussion took place on the draft fund raising proposal and possibly making adjustments to the levels for donors and adding “any donations appreciated” to the proposal.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Member Aeh reported the IBA had been working closely with the Chamber with regards to the Marji Gesick race in September.

RAINBOW BAR COMMITTEE REPORT

Matt Treado, UP Engineers, reviewed what the committee had discussed and summarized the committees suggestion to offer the 116 Canda Street property to the owner of the Rainbow Bar in exchange for the following items:

- Provide 10’ easement along the western property boundary of 116 Canda Street.
- Construct 6’ side sidewalk within the easement connecting the north and south sides of the property. Sidewalk must meet current MDOT construction standards.

- Fill remaining area within the easement with grass restoration. Easement language should state that the mowing and watering of the grass is required by the property owner, not the City of Ishpeming.
- Any repairs to the exterior of the Rainbow Bar would be completed and paid for by the property owner. City of Ishpeming DDA will not incur any financial obligations or liability.
- These items would need to be completed prior to the end of 2017 otherwise the deal would expire.
- Deed changes ownership once work is completed
- The property would have to be used as a patio or green space not used as a parking lot.

A motion was made by Member Aeh, supported by Member Demarest, and carried unanimously to direct staff, and Attorney Hoff to move forward with this proposal and present it to Mr. Thibeault before the next DDA meeting.

REVERSE SIDE OF GATEWAY SIGN

Mr. Slown advised the cost was approximately \$50 for materials and \$125 for labor, but a more accurate cost would be received once the language for the back of the sign was decided on.

A motion was made by Member Giroux, supported by Member Aro and carried unanimously to have a proof done and get a price for the sign to say "Thank you for visiting Ishpeming!" and brought back to the next DDA meeting.

ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB INVOICE – EVENT GRANT

Mr. Slown and Mr. Lampman explained the policy stated the grant funds were to be used for promotional type materials. Discussion took place on if the items purchased were promotional.

A motion was made by Member Demarest, supported by Member Aeh and carried unanimously to contact the Rock and Mineral Club to determine if the tumblers were given away as a promotional item, if so, approve payment, if not, then not approve payment.

ISHPEMING BUSINESS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr. Aeh reported the DDA was working with the Chamber and event organizers for the Marji Gesick race; Ladies Night was scheduled for November 15th; and the Christmas events were being worked on.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Slown provided an update on the closure of the Empire Mine. Members supported being proactive to help soften the impact of the closure.

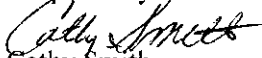
NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Slown reported the Nardi building closing was rescheduled; City staff was working on a Food Vending Ordinance; a Committee was developed to help streamline the process for redevelopment of older buildings in the City; and the USDA Water Project would begin in the summer of 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:15 p.m., a motion was made by Member Demarest supported by Member Aro and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,


Cathy Smith

Recording Secretary