

Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority
Minutes
Monday, November 28, 2016

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, November 28, 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, Sandy Arsenault, Carrie Meyers, Rose Strom (arrived at 4:20 p.m.), Teresa Perry, Anne Giroux, Claudia Demarest and Mark Slown (8). Absent: Diane Gauthier, David Aro, and Jay Clancey (3). Also present was Jim Lampman and Linda Andriacchi.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Slown, supported by Member Arsenault and carried unanimously to approve the September 26, 2016 minutes as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Linda Andriacchi reported on some of the details for the 2017 beautification effort. The fundraiser was being worked on and the plan was to send out notices the end of February beginning of March. Christmas decorations and location of decorations was also discussed.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

It was the consensus to file the Chamber of Commerce reports.

RAINBOW BAR COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Slown advised David Thibeault, from the Rainbow Bar, submitted his proposed design for the vacant lot next to his property. There was discussion on a sidewalk, width of the sidewalk, the type of fence proposed, height of the fence, and what the Zoning Ordinance would or would not allow. It was felt Mr. Thibeault should meet with Al Pierce, Zoning Administrator, to discuss the site plan for his proposal.

A motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Demarest and carried unanimously to table this item until the next meeting to get further information.

REVERSE SIDE OF GATEWAY SIGN

Member Slown provided an update on the gateway signs. There was discussion regarding lighting the signs at some point in the future.

ROUNDBOUT WATERING SYSTEM UPDATE

Member Slown provided a brief update on the status of the roundabout watering system.

LAKE BANCROFT PARK – VETERANS MEMORIAL

Member Slown advised the Veteran's Monument was approved by Council and the VFW would raise all the funds to construct and maintain the monument.

DECEMBER 19, 2016 DDA MEETING

A motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Demarest and carried unanimously to cancel the Monday, December 19, 2016 DDA meeting.

ISHPEMING BUSINESS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Member Aeh reported there was a wonderful turnout for the Christmas Parade; Ladies Night was a huge success; Small Business Saturday was very busy for local businesses; and the Thursday evening Christmas events were great and thanked DPW for the awesome support.

OLD BUSINESS

Member Slown reminded everyone of the final presentation by MSU for Lake Bancroft Area Development to be held on December 1st and 4:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding creation of a Historic District for the City of Ishpeming to bring people off the highway to the downtown. Concerns were expressed over requirements of the blight elimination grants restricting funding in historical districts.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith

Recording Secretary