

Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority

Minutes

Monday, March 27, 2017

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, March 27, 2017 in the Conference Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aeh at 4:10 p.m.

Present: David Aeh, Rose Strom, Jay Clancey, Anne Giroux, Justin Koski, and Mark Slown (6). Absent: David Aro, Sandy Arsenault, Teresa Perry, and Carrie Meyer (4). Also present was Jim Lampman, Mike Tonkin, Linda Andriacchi, Dave Thibeault, Bob Marietti, Joe Juidici, Lisa Bowers, and Danielle LaCavalla.

PUBLIC COMMENT- There was none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Giroux, supported by Member Koski and carried unanimously to approve the January 23, 2017 minutes as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Lampman reviewed the financial statements for the period ending February 28, 2017. A motion was made by Member Giroux, supported by Member Strom and carried unanimously to approve the financial statements as presented.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda Andriacchi reported that a date was needed by the end of April for the Beautification Kickoff; sixty-six hanging baskets were needed for the downtown area at \$45.00 a basket; and the Beautification Fundraiser has raised \$600.00 to date. Mrs. Andriacchi also expressed interest in having a mural painted on the Achatz Building.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Danielle LaCavalla reported current chamber membership was at 285. The Chambers' Wellness Program would begin in April and on May 19, 2017 the Chamber would be sponsoring a Kids carnival. Just as a reminder, the Business After Hours was being held at Native Nails from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on March 30, 2017.

RAINBOW BAR UPDATE

Dave Thibeault and Members discussed lighting on the outside of the bar and number of parking spaces.

A motion was made by Member Giroux, supported by Member Clancey and carried unanimously to amend the renovation timeline to three years and that the owner may alter the parking allotment from 3 spaces to 2.

THE CAPTURE FOR NARDI BUILDING

A motion was made by Member Aeh, supported by Member Koski and carried unanimously to approve the Downtown Development Authority giving up the right for the TIF capture for the Anderson (also known as the Nardi building) building, 203 South Main St.

ISHPEMING BUSINESS ASSOCIATION REPORT

David Aeh reported that the Tourism Information Brochure would be completed in time for the summer tourist season. Two Arts, Culture, Recreational and Festival Events Grant Applications were submitted for the Festival of Treasures and the Summer Concert Series & Farmer's Market at Old Ish.

A motion was made by Member Giroux, supported by Member Strom and carried unanimously, with Member Aeh abstaining, to approve the transfer of \$300.00 from the printing & publishing fund to add to the grant fund totaling \$750.00. Distribution of remaining event grant funds in the amount of \$750.00 to be split evenly between the two applicants.

OLD BUSINESS

Member Aeh stated that he received an email asking for confirmation of support from the DDA for the Lake Bancroft Project. The project will be completed. The letter is in support of an additional \$300,000 Trust Fund Grant application.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:27 p.m., a motion was made by Member Koski supported by Member Clancey and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jodi Champion

Deputy Clerk