

Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority

Minutes

Monday, July 24, 2017

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority was held on Monday, July 24, 2017 in the Conference Room at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by David Aeh at 4:03 p.m.

Present: David Aeh, Tracy Magnuson, David Aro, Sandy Arsenault, Anne Giroux, Teresa Perry and Mark Slown (7). Absent: Rosemarie Strom, Jay Clancey, and Carrie Meyer (3). Also present was Jim Lampman, Linda Andriacchi, and Mike Tonkin.

PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Presentation by Katherine DuVernois, KADU Design

Ms. DuVernois gave a brief presentation of the consulting services and products she would provide at her business KADU Design located in Marquette. She also provided background information with regards to her experience and education. She was currently working with Dan Perkins on a project in the City of Ishpeming for Partridge Creek Farms.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Slown and carried unanimously to approve the May 22, 2017 minutes as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Lampman reviewed the financial statements for the period ending July 2017. A motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Aeh and carried unanimously to approve the financial statements as presented.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda Andriacchi reported that Stephanie Conery resigned from the DDA Garden Caretaker position and Dave Harrington was hired to replace her; she also announced the CUPPAD grant for Beautification was awarded in the amount of \$4,000; she thanked Mike Tonkin for the use of his truck for watering the flowers this year and for his donation of mulch; and thanked David Aeh for his contribution of \$250 towards the beautification effort.

Manager Slown reviewed the proposal for a garden/Welcome to Downtown Ishpeming sign at the intersection of Lakeshore/Division/Greenwood that would be maintained by Dave Harrington. The second site for the sign/garden would be at the Power of 10 Park at the end of Hematite Drive at Third Street. The raised bed and sign would be of minimal cost. There was concern expressed over this item not being budgeted for 2017, discussion on the budget to-date for the Power of 10 Park, the possibility of writing a grant to the Community Foundation for this signage/garden project, and if this project should be postponed and included in the 2018 budget.

A motion was made by Member Arsenault, supported by Member Giroux and carried unanimously to add this item to the 2018 budget proposal which would allow more time for the design for the signage.

A motion was made by Member Aeh, supported by Member Arsenault and carried unanimously to conceptually approve the two locations for the proposed garden and signage.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Manager Slown announced Danielle LaCavalla had accepted a job in Lake Placid and was leaving the Chamber of Commerce. There was consensus to file the Chamber of Commerce report.

APPOINT 2018 BUDGET COMMITTEE

Member Aeh and Member Aro volunteered for the 2018 Budget Committee. A motion was made by Member Slown, supported by Member Giroux and carried unanimously to reappoint Member Aeh and Member Aro to the 2018 Budget Committee.

Mrs. Andriacchi asked if the beautification budget could remain the same for 2018.

DOWNTOWN ART PROPOSAL FROM SUPERIOR DESIGNS

Manager Slown explained this proposal was for a vinyl banner to cover the metal grates on the wall of the AT&T Building across from City Hall, as well as, adding larger banners on Wilderness Sports, Buck's Restaurant, and possibly other businesses. It was felt the banners should be made of more permanent material, such as metal, instead of vinyl, since vinyl could be easily vandalized or damaged. It was agreed the concept was great, but further analysis should be done on the material to be used.

ISHPEMING BUSINESS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Member Aeh reported the IBA was working on upcoming IBA events and was continuing to work their 501(c)3 status. The Festival of Treasures was a successes, but for next year would like to get more activities for kids.

OLD BUSINESS - There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

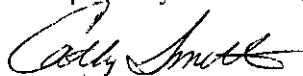
Manager Slown reported work started on the Rural Development Water Improvement Project. He also reported the Skate Park Committee had met and there was discussions on developing the skate park/commons area in the downtown.

Member Giroux would like to begin discussions on the viaducts on Lakeshore Drive and Third Street, suggested planting vines on the metal retaining wall on Hematite Drive, and also suggested covering electrical boxes in town with historic pictures of the City of Ishpeming which she saw on electrical boxes while traveling through Deadwood, South Dakota.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:40 p.m., a motion was made by Member Arsenault supported by Member Aro and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary