

VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING
Village of Lexington -7227 Huron Ave. - Lexington, MI
November 8, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Calamita called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

ROLL CALL: by Vicki Scott

PRESENT: Ehardt, Mills, Partaka, Stencel, Systeman, Calamita

ABSENT: Hassler, Kaatz

OTHERS PRESENT: Vicki Scott, Paul Iacoangeli, Mike Ziegler, Dave Picot

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Mills, seconded by Stencel to approve the agenda as amended adding Future Projects to new business.

All Ayes

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Mills, seconded by Partaka to approve the minutes of September 20, 2017 as presented.

All Ayes

Motion carried.

MOTION by Partaka, seconded by Systeman to approve the minutes of October 2, 2017 as presented.

All Ayes

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Ziegler Chairperson of the Planning Commission states he is here for information purposes.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION – (Hand out)

Ehardt asks about payments for the Welcome Center. Calamita explains its \$350.00 per month and we pay two months at a time.

MOTION by Mills, seconded by Ehardt to approve the financial reports as presented.

All Ayes

Motion carried.

DIRECTORS REPORT –

- Halloween in Lexington was a great success with over 100 kids. We received many compliments from residents.
- Not certain why local businesses did not pass out candy for the parade this year. We are up for suggestions for next year as posters indicated it was Halloween in Lexington.
- We are working on the tree lighting.
- Systeman and Stencel offered to go to the businesses and find out the reason candy wasn't passed out for the parade.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. WELCOME CENTER

- Calamita explains we spend \$12,000 per year on the Welcome Center. We are looking into the possibility of moving the Welcome Center into the Village and Township building. Partaka explains we had 1901 visitors this year between Memorial Day to present. We have 16 volunteers who put in over 1000 hours. We will be losing parking due to the Cadillac renovations. We would pay for new signage out front. Discussion follows. Partaka will take this to the Village Council for approval.

MOTION by Systeman, seconded by Stencil to not renew the Welcome Center lease effective January 1, 2018.

All Ayes

Motion carried.

2. HANDICAP MATS FOR BEACH

- Partaka explains we discussed these mats a year ago and agreed to purchase one. These mats are approximately \$4000.00 each and the Village didn't have enough room on the credit card to order them. Originally, we agreed to purchase one mat and the LBA was going to purchase one mat. Partaka explains this company will not invoice us. Partaka offers to put it on her credit card as long as the Board agrees to pay it back. Partaka will get updated pricing for next meeting.

3. FUTURE PROJECTS

- Stencil asks about getting additional lighting from the Village offices to the Post Office. Partaka explains this issue was brought up before and was told that is not the DDA district. Discussion follows.
- Stencil asks about the possibility of buying the Village Green. Discussion follows. Stencil will follow up with Larry Palleschi on where he stands on selling.

Calamita left at 6:11 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Bill Ehardt comments on the phone calls he received regarding the Cadillac House. Who is following up with the status of the exterior. Iacoangeli will follow up.
- Mike Ziegler would like to see the Village purchase the Village Green.
- Mike Ziegler asks if the DDA would be interested in purchasing the sculpture down at the park. The artist originally wanted \$5000.00, but now would be willing to take \$2,000.00 possibly less. The arts council may be willing to put money toward it as well. Partaka suggests putting this on the agenda for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Partaka, seconded by Mills to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm.

All Ayes

Motion carried.

Vicki Scott

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