

VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING
Village of Lexington -7227 Huron Ave. - Lexington, MI
April 11, 2018

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

ROLL CALL: by Vicki Scott

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Vicki Scott

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Mills, seconded by Systeman to approve the agenda as amended adding Bench Refurbish under #7 New Business.

All Ayes

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Calamita, seconded by Kaatz to approve the minutes of February 14, 2018 as presented.

All Ayes

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION – (Hand out)

Ehardt asks the DDA Board to please provide the draft minutes to the Village Council if the DDA has to cancel their next meeting. A letter from the Village President was handed out explaining the DPW will not charge the DDA for assisting with removal of the items within the Welcome Center as well as putting the flower pots back this spring due to the flower pots being removed too early.

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

All Ayes

Motion carried.

DIRECTORS REPORT: None (Anne Soule absent)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **UPDATE BEACH MATS** – Partaka explains the beach mats are on their way. We have experienced positive feedback with these mats.

2. **KLA UPDATE** – Partaka explains KLA has tested 4 different systems which have not been successful. KLA is testing a new one now hoping it will work with the Sirius box. The portable microphone has been an issue during this process. They are hoping to have this switched out by Memorial Day. KLA has agreed to supply 3 extra speakers at no charge due to the problems we have been experiencing with music.

- 3. BROCHURE STAND** – Partaka has e-mailed all the businesses asking for new brochures due to the fact the old brochures were mistakenly thrown out from the Welcome Center by the DPW.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. ATTENDANCE FOR DDA MEETINGS** – Partaka explains this has been brought up by the Council. Some members have missed more than others. Partaka explains in the last 4 years the DDA has not missed more than 3 meetings per year. The DDA By-Laws state the DDA does not have to have a meeting each month.
- 2. PAYMENT TO VILLAGE (\$20,000)** – We received an invoice from the Village.
MOTION by Calamita, seconded by Stencel to pay the Village \$20,000 for the 2017 fiscal year.
Roll Call: Ayes: Calamita, Stencel, Partaka, Mills, Systeman, Kaatz, Ehardt, Hassler
Nays: None
- 3. NEW PROJECT IDEAS** –
 - Kaatz – there has been a suggestion to develop the end of Simons Street that gets used intermittently as a parking lot. Discussion follows.
 - Partaka asks what the board thinks about the possibly of the DDA allocating money for business parking lots being used publicly during special events. Discussion follows. Board agrees to have Partaka approach the following business owners (Jeff's Market, Steve & Peggy Stencel, Town & Country, Steiss, Lions Hall, Browns, and Cadillac House) to see if there is interest in this program. Board agrees no public parking signs.
 - Systeman discusses possibly of bike rentals.
 - Systeman discusses possibly of lights downtown like Port Huron has.
 - Systeman discusses possibly of screen on the green.
 - Partaka discusses the possibly of street dances on Saturday nights.
 - Stencel discusses we need lights going north as it is very dark.
 - Kaatz discusses possibility of touch screens through town with Village information.
 - Partaka will check into these ideas.
- 4. PARKING LOT** –
 - Ehardt explains the Village Council was approached last month regarding the Stencel Lot. The Creamery had an agreement with the Village where we were paying the property taxes in order to use that lot. The Council did not feel it was the Villages responsibility to renew this lease. The Council recommendation was to bring it to the DDA for possible consideration. Kaatz comments the Council was also approached about a possible horse and carriage business.
- 5. SIGNS FOR FRONT AND BACK OF VILLAGE** – Discussion on the DDA putting Welcome Center signs on the front and back of the Village. This item will need to be placed on the Village agenda for approval.

6. **FLOWERS UPDATE** – As soon as the weather breaks the pansies will be planted.
7. **BENCH REFURBISH** – Partaka explains the DPW put together a quote to refurbish the benches that need repaired. Discussion follows.
MOTION by Calamita, seconded by Mills to pay the Village \$603.96 to refurbish the benches.
Roll Call: Ayes: Calamita, Mills, Systeman, Kaatz, Ehardt, Hassler, Stencil, Partaka
Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Steve Stencil discusses the lot at the Creamery. Stencil explains there are 52 lots available. The Creamery would keep 10 for their use which would leave 42 lots available if the DDA is interested in leasing. Partaka suggests putting this on the agenda for next month. Stencil comments how dark it is north of town and needs more street lights. Stencil comments the DDA has the authority to go outside the DDA district if it enhances the Village.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Calamita, seconded by Partaka to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm.

All Ayes

Motion carried.

Vicki Scott
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