

MINUTES
ST. IGNACE DDA MEETING
August 9th, 2019
(unofficial)

Members Present: Vice Chair Mayor Connie Litzner, Pat Ramsay, Phil Ruegg, Barb Brown, Heather Aukeman, Secretary Barb Yshinksi, Cheryl Schlehuber

Members Absent: Linda Bell, Chairman Jim North

Staff Present: DDA Director Scott Marshall, Museum Director Shirley Sorrels, Chief of Police Tony Brown

Others Present: Erich Doerr from the St. Ignace News

Vice Chair Connie Litzner called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

I. MINUTES

Motion by Schlehuber; support by Ramsay to accept the minutes of July 12th, 2019. Motion carried.

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Scott Marshall

III. FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion by Schlehuber, support by Aukeman to accept the financial report. Motion carried.

IV. BUSINESS:

Excuse Absent Members – Motion by Aukeman to excuse absent members, support by Ruegg. Motion carried.

Crosswalk Report- Marshall contacted MDOT for crosswalk signage information. MDOT said that they discussed the matter with City Manager Stelmaszek last year. MDOT said that they control the trunk line and they did a safety study for our area. They concluded that there isn't a need for crosswalk signage. If I would like to pursue signage I should have the city manager officially request MDOT to appear at a public meeting to hear public opinion. I asked about crosswalk signage in other communities. MDOT responded that these communities are adding signage without MDOT approval. Chief of Police Tony Brown discussed crosswalks and much discussion followed. Marshall would like to follow up with signage options by meeting with the DDA Downtown Project Committee to gather input.

Star Line Parking Lot Update: As requested at the last DDA Board Meeting, Marshall met with Jerry Fetty to sign the lease agreement between Star Line and the DDA. Marshall provided all members with a copy of the lease.

LBE Park Update: Marshall said the project is out for bids. The bid deadline is August 22nd at 2pm.

St. Anthony's Pocket Park Fence- Marshall said the fence parts have arrived and the fence will be installed as soon as possible.

Connors Park- Marshall said the new sign has been installed. Work will begin in the park as soon as the public works department is available for excavation.

Azzar Boardwalk Update: Marshall received encouraging news from Mr. Palmer the city's attorney. Marshall requested a meeting with the DDA Budget Committee to discuss negotiations.

Museum Manager's Report- Sorrels reports that donations are up \$2,000 this year. The summer has been extremely busy and hard to keep up with restocking inventory. Museum staff is working on providing a destination experience for all visitors.

Additions to the Agenda-

Marshall purchased Indigenous Art banners for the street light poles.

Marshall authorized maintenance on the walkway adjacent to Edward Jones since it was a safety issue. The paving bricks were humped up in many locations and there were reports of people tripping and falling.

Marshall discussed sidewalk tree replacement. The Downtown Project Committee agreed to look at the trees when they are looking at crosswalks. Marshall said the best time to plant is in September when the temperature is cooler.

Marshall provided board members with Redevelopment Liquor License information.

Other – None

Public Comment – Brown commented on how nice it is to have the music at the American Legion Park. Discussion followed about possible fitness stations at the American Legion Park and maybe the need for more picnic tables. Also there was discussion about adding picnic tables in grass area adjacent to the marina.

There being no further business: Meeting adjourned at 9:25AM

Respectfully submitted: Barb Yshinski