

MINUTES
ST. IGNACE DDA MEETING
December 11th, 2020 @ City Hall
ONLINE MEETING

Members Present: Chairman Jim North, Pat Ramsey, Barb Yshinski, Vice Chair Mayor Connie Litzner, Cheryl Schlehuber, Heather Aukeman, Linda Bell, Phil Ruegg, Barb Brown

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: DDA Director Scott Marshall, Museum Director Shirley Sorrels

Others Present: Eric Doerr from the St. Ignace News

Chairman Jim North called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

- I. **MINUTES:** Motion by Schlehuber, support by Aukeman to accept the minutes of November 13th, 2020. Motion Carried.
- II. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Marshall
- III. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Marshall reviewed the bills for November 2020 and then reviewed the DDA Revenue and Expenses to date. Motion by Ramsay, support by Brown to accept the Bills. Motions carried.

IV BUSINESS:

- 1. **Excuse absent members:** None
- 2. **Christmas Events:** Litzner reported that all is going well for the tree lighting and floats located at the marina this evening at 6 p.m. Business & residential lighting contest going well with many participating. Brown complimented the lighting on main Street, everything is looking very nice.
- 3. **Projects Update:**
Little Bear Park Project- Marshall gave a full report on the DNR Trust Fund Grant, current expenses, donations and hoping to record a video of the progress. Chairman North complimented Marshall on doing a great job.
St. Anthony Pocket Park Stairs- No progress to report. Waiting on the contractor.
Amphitheater. Marshall reported that he received \$1500 from the St. Ignace Community Foundation.
- 4. **Vendor Ordinance:** After much discussion about who is involved. The board said that the Planning Commission is to spearhead the committee. Chairman North said that Marshall would be a participant on the committee as the city goes through the process.
- 5. **Museum Manager Report:** Sorrels updated the board on the Hometown Hero Banners. She is working on the sculpture project to be placed along the museum fence to create more indoor/outdoor historical information for visitors.
- 6. **Open Discussion:** Chairman North received two letters from Bob Sposito regarding Connor's Park and the Mackinaw Boat display. Bob was heavily involved in the initial placement of the Mackinaw Boat and explained to Chairman North just what was

involved in the process. Mayor Litzner commented on this and felt that we make it official that the DDA has no plans to move the Mackinaw Boat. Schlehuber felt that the article in the paper did not indicate that we were going to move the boat. North and Brown felt that it was just all part of a discussion. Eric apologized for this, the headline had been changed from what he would have used and felt this was just due to human error. Schlehuber felt that it is important to be more open to the public for discussion which will help us to be a better community. Judy Gross was complimented on her research and report for Connor Park.

7. **Additions to the Agenda:** Marshall would like to have the 2021 plans ready for the next agenda in January, such as housekeeping the boardwalk leases, what can be done regarding shoreline protection and also contract negotiations for he and Sorrels.
8. **Public Comment:** Mayor Litzner invited everyone to attend the Christmas Tree Lighting and Christmas float display at the city marina this evening. Mayor Litzner also reported that the city zoom meetings will be improved and continue through March 2021.
9. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.
Respectfully submitted: Barb Yshinki