**CITY OF ST. IGNACE**

**DDA MEETING MINUTES**

**June 10th, 2022
City Council Chambers**

**Members Present:** Chairman Jim North, Heather Aukeman, Barb Yshinski, Barb Brown, Kristi Gustafson, Phil Ruegg, Cheryl Schlehuber and Tom Cronan. Pat Ramsay attended online

**Members Absent:**

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

**Others Present:** Stephanie Baar, City Manager Darcy Long, Erich Doerr and Betsy Dayrell-Hart. Connie Litzner attended online.

Meeting called to order at 8:03 AM

1. **MINUTES:** Motion by Schlehuber, support by Cronan to accept the minutes of May 13th. 2022. Motion Passed.
2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**: None
3. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Marshall reviewed the bills and the financial reports for May 2022. Motion by Schlehuber, support by Ruegg to accept the bills and the financial report. Motion Passed.
4. IV **BUSINESS:**
5. **Excuse Absent Board Members:**
6. **Welcome New Board Member:** North reported that Kristi Gustafson was appointed by the mayor at the last city council meeting. DDA Board Members welcomed Gustafson to the board.
7. **Public Hearing Gyftakis Property:** North stated that the seller has wishes to only sell to the DDA. The property is historical and is documented as having ancient remains recovered on the site. The property is appraised at $270,000. DDA has entered into a non-binding letter of intent with the seller for $255,000. Museum expansion is on the DDA Plan. The property has 7 years of unpaid taxes. Valuable piece of property. DDA to purchase the land. DDA to put $50,000 towards the purchase and will finance the remainder over 20 years. Phase two is to develop the property. Marshall stated that the DDA came very close to purchasing this property in 1994 for $215,000 but Mr. Gyftakis didn’t show up on to sign the sales agreement. Betsy Dayrell-Hart had questions regarding the bidding process and taking properties off of the tax rolls. City Manager Darcy Long commented that the owners can sell to anyone and there isn’t a bidding process. Motion by Schlehuber and support from Cronan to move ahead with the purchase of the Gyftakis property. Vote unanimous. Motion Carried.
8. **Peddler’s Ordinance Update:** Marshall attended the public hearing on June 2nd, 2022. Planning commission is going to have a second public input session to discuss the fees and food truck requirements.
9. **Community Cultural Pavilion Update:** Marshall reminded the board that the Mackinac County donation of $15,000 took the fundraising campaign across the finish line. Marshall provided 3 quotes for the pavilion. Marshall said since it is a specialty item soliciting 3quotes is the best approach. Marshall confirmed this with the city manager. Marshall provided the board with a quote tabulation. Marshall recommended Cedar Forest Products out of Olive Michigan; they were the low quote. Marshall said that their sales service has been terrific. The low bid from Cedar Forest Products is $30.360. Schlehuber made the motion to order the pavilion, support by Cronan. Motion passed unanimously.
10. **Little Bear Park Project Update:** Marshall reported that 2x4 Construction has started work on the fishing dock. The entrance sign for the park has been ordered. Connie Litzner thank Marshall for the update.
11. **Director’s Report:**  Marshall discussed the 3 sections of the boardwalk that are need of replacement. Marshall updated the board on the tree replacement and downtown banners. Marshall gave the board a follow up report regarding the MDA meeting Marshall attended on June 3rd, 2022.
12. **Museum Report:** Sorrels updated the board on events for Father Marquette’s return. Sorrels discussed grants and the summer schedule at the museum. Sorrels discussed a potential new sculpture of a Native American Veteran.
13. **Additions to the Agenda**: None
14. **Open Discussion:** None
15. **Public Comment:** Dayrell-Harttalked talked about public parking. She asked if the Community Cultural Pavilion would have power. She asked if the pavilion would need a special use permit. The DDA Board said no because it is replacing an existing pavilion. Dayrell-Hart suggested looking into having goats graze on city property to alleviate expenses with the high gas costs.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:42AM

Respectfully Submitted by Barb Yshinski