

VILLAGE OF LAKEVIEW
DDA Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2021

Jonaitis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Ed Jonaitis, Ranny Leppink, Greg Mckenna, Paul Mesman, Kevin Griffith, Bill Helmer and Barb Huttinga.

Members Absent: Steve Case, Raymi Sunabe

Also Present: Village Manager, Darin K. Dood, and Melissa King.

Public comments: None

Huttinga moved and Griffith seconded to approve the minutes from December 15, 2020 as presented. Motion carried.

Façade Grant

There was discussion on whether we should offer more than three Façade grants per year. Manager Dood also stated that other communities are offering startup money for businesses in their community. The DDA was updated that the cash balance for the DDA is \$122,362. It was decided to leave the Façade Grant Program as is for now.

Picnic Tables

The DPW are putting out the tables again this year. They will be utilized for Music in the Park, Memorial Day events and Summerfest. We will work with the businesses to see how many they might like at their location. Manager Dood is also working with local restaurants on promoting take out specials to eat at the tables during Music in the Park.

Docks

Mesman moved and Leppink seconded to purchase 20' sections for the end of the existing docks. Motion carried.

Discussion took place on whether we should apply cleats to the docks or leave as is. No decision was made on the cleats.

Park Bathroom

Mesman moved and Huttinga seconded to permit Manager Dood to move forward with Griffith Builders on the Park Bathroom remodel not to exceed \$25,000.

Helmer-Yes

Griffith-Abstain

Leppink-Yes

Huttinga-Yes

Mesman-Yes

Jonaitis-Yes

Mckenna-Yes

Mercantile Parking Lot

The downtown Mercantile Bank building is being donated to Lakeview VFW. Manager Dood expressed interest on the Village's behalf prior to the VFW donation. Mercantile Bank is gifting a large portion of the lots value to the Village. The price of the lot will be sold to the Village of Lakeview for \$5,000 plus closing costs and recording fees. We will gain much needed parking for the Downtown area. Manager Dood is recommending the DDA split the fees between the DDA and the Village. He noted the parking lot would be added to next years budget for sealing and repair, along with the other municipal lots.

Griffith moved and Helmer seconded to partner with the Village to give \$2,500 plus half of the closing costs for the purchase of the Mercantile Lot (59-042-111-106-00). Motion carried.

Music in the Park

Music in the Park has requested a roll up canopy for the band shell at Lakeside Park. They have received quotes on the canopy and are asking for up to \$800 to purchase the item. The DPW would be able to install the canopy.

Huttinga moved and Griffith seconded to purchase the awning not to exceed \$800. Motion carried.

Shovel Ready Project

Manager Dood is looking for direction on what project to work on to have a shovel ready project. This is to have a project ready in case grant money becomes available. Many ideas have been suggested (farmers market building, bathroom on empty lot, lights on Lake Drive, etc.). We are looking to complete one of the components of the Lakeshore Development Plan with this project. We budgeted \$20,000 for the engineering cost of this project. One of the factors to consider when looking at projects is, what kind of effect will the project have on the community and the downtown district. It was decided to table the discussion until the next meeting to give the DDA a chance to think about what project they would like to pursue. Manager Dood will bring in the current plans for the Lakeshore Development for the DDA to review.

Helmer moved and Mesman seconded to adjourn meeting at 7:59 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa King
Village Clerk