

Elk Rapids Downtown Development Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2019
Government Center
315 Bridge St., Elk Rapids MI

Called to order 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Chair – Steve Thomas, Brian Scram, Sharon Fitzpatrick, Eric Ray, Christine Petersen, Becky Lancaster, Village President Jim Janisse. Wittbrodt arrived at 6:50 p.m.

ABSENT: Karen Simpson

ALSO PRESENT: Village Manager William Cooper, Secretary Lori Dawson

Citizens Present: 1 (Laura Savoy – Elk Rapids Chamber of Commerce)

MOTION by **PETERSEN**, second by **RAY**, to approve the October 9, 2019 minutes of the Regular Meeting and the November 6, 2019 minutes of the Events Committee meeting. All those present voting yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS – CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

TREASURERS REPORT– Received.

SUB COMMITTEES:

Events/Marketing Committee –Ray reported updates

Ames Street Project Committee – Janisse reported that the Village Council approved C2AE for the project. Lancaster and Petersen also provided updates.

River Street Committee – Thomas indicated that Scram will now be on the River Street Committee.

Ray and Wittbrodt reported updates.

MOTION by **PETERSEN**, second by **WITTBRODT**, to **Approve \$1,494.00 for the purchase of “SHOP LOCAL” Bags and advertising for Shop Local! Shop ER! (11-20-19) Open House on River St. (12-7) Santa Saturday (12-14-19) and Ladies Night (12-19-19).**

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Scram, Fitzpatrick, Petersen, Lancaster, Janisse, Thomas, Wittbrodt, Ray;

Nays – None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- i. TC to Charlevoix Trail – No report
- ii. Elk Rapids/Suttons Bay Ferry – Update by Thomas
- iii. Trailtown – Update by Petersen
- iv. Bike Parking Area – it was suggested that before going ahead with this there should be a “City Scape” plan in conjunction with the River St. Committee.
- vi. Consumers Energy Tree Planting Grant – was approved in coordination with DPW, Beautification & DDA.

Petersen also reported that the Terrace Garden project is not currently being pursued.

BUDGET: Discussion

COMMENTS: Laura Savoy of the Chamber of Commerce was asked about “Pitch Night” and reported the outcome.

MOTION by **WITTBRODT** second by **PETERSEN** to adjourn meeting at 7:26 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**