

Sparta Downtown Development Authority

Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2014

156 E. Division Street, Sparta, MI 49345

Meeting called to order at 7:45 am by Cheslek.

Members present: Bosserd, Nickels, Freeland, Lamb, Paiz, Whalen, Cheslek, Jacobsen,  
Also Present: Morse, Suchy, Dougan

Motion by Bosserd, support by Freeland to approve the minutes. Motion approved.  
Motion by Lamb, second by Dougan to approve the financial report. Motion approved.

**Public Comment**

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

1. Discussion on Pop-Up Store. Consensus to pursue with available vacancies in downtown Sparta.
2. Street Art Review: Consensus to provide prize money and allow the artist to choose the media. Look into a community version of art on display. Items to consider animals, nature, plants, dairy, owls, frogs, tractors, cows, flowers, hot air balloon, super heroes, monsters.
3. DDA Chairperson: nomination for Tom Cheslek by Ferd Benham, second by Mike Lamb. Nomination accepted for Ferd Benham by Tom Cheslek. No further nomination. Consensus for Tom Cheslek for 2015 Chairperson.
4. Discussion to obtain written easements for parcels in the North Parking Lot and request approval by property owners. Alternative option for property owners who do not want to sign off is for calculating the fee that will be charged per year based on a percentage of costs for plowing, clearing, lining, and all related maintenance. Consensus to provide legal easement language to present during conversations with property owners through attorney.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Executive Session**

None.

**Business Director Report**

**Public Comment/ Announcements**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 am. Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Morse