

Sparta Downtown Development Authority

Meeting Minutes

December 9, 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 Lamb, support by Bosserd to approve the minutes changing the chairperson to Benham. Motion approved.

Motion by Whalen, second by Bosserd to approve the financial report. Motion approved.

Public Comment

Unfinished Business

New Business

1. Goal setting discussion. 2015 Goals:

Winter: Survey to Businesses/ residents; Art in vacancies; Acquire easements for Arches Parking Lot

Spring: Nash Creek Banks cleaned; Board Room Windows; Slow East Entrance Traffic to DT

Summer: Art in SpARTa project (puzzle/Historic Image)

Ongoing: Banner Pole / Electronic Reader Board; Fill 133 E Division Building; Ice skating rink; Price to change arches parking lot sign

2. 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

Discussed adding a watermelon eating contest or customer appreciation night for downtown businesses on a Thursday Street Fest night.

DDA Board Member Bob Whalen thanked the board for the opportunity to sit on the DDA as the President Pro Tem.

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