

Sparta Downtown Development Authority
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 9, 2019
160 E. DIVISION STREET, SPARTA, MI 49345

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

Members present: Cheslek, Shangle, Brown, Potes, Freeland, Dougan, Jacobsen,

Members Absent: Baker, Lamb, Potter

Also Present: Morse, Suchy

Motion by Freeland, second by Brown to approve the Minutes of the JUNE 11, 2019. All Approved.

Motion by Potes, second by Jacobsen to approve the finance report. All Approved.

Public Comment – None

Karen McCarthy from Consumers Energy presented the DDA with the \$2500 check for winning 3rd place in the Mark your place on the Map competition for the Town Square and Retail Incubator Project.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Discussion with Village Manager about Elm Street Parking Lot; consensus of the board to proceed with discussions on partnering with Village on the project contingent on the adjacent property owner contributing to the project.

B. Discussion on joint DDA and Village Council meeting on Monday September 23 or Monday September 30 as options to meet. DDA director and Manager Suchy will work on an agenda and discussion topics.

Executive Session None.

Business Director Report

A. Reports attached.

Public Comment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by executive privilege at 8:37 am. Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Morse

Goals 2019

- 1) Finish 194 E. Division (siding, landscaping, water problem/ sewer problem, roof, store front windows)
- 2) DTMJ Property: provide all manner of assistance for development on vacant parcel
- 3) Alt Oil Property: redevelop vacant parcel
- 4) Assist 201 E. Division on redevelopment opportunities / retail infill
- 5) Property Maintenance /Capital Improvement Plan: parking lot repaving, large Christmas Tree, crosswalk repair, trim downtown tree schedule, sidewalks, street lights, bricks in right of way downtown, etc.
- 6) Pocket Parklet Improvements
- 7) Elm Street Parking: address the gravel parking area