

Cheboygan Main Street DDA Regular Meeting – November 2, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by chairperson Eric Villanueva.

Roll Call

Present: Costin, Khan-King, Stempky, Crongeyer, Mallory, Weir, Eckhart, Schneider, Villanueva

Absent: Tebo

Discussion was initiated by Villanueva to table item 8, "Executive Session Litigation". The item had been brought to the board as an agenda item, by the City Manager.

Motion by Mallory, seconded by King, to table discussion on Executive Session Litigation until more information can be provided around the issue. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Eckhart, seconded by Stempky to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion was passed unanimously.

New Business

- a. Consideration to adopt the Cheboygan Downtown Development Authority Development Plan & Tax Increment Financing Plan, Submit the Plan to City Council & City Council Hold a Public Hearing

Motion by Eckhart seconded by Mallory, to adopt the Cheboygan Downtown Development Authority Development Plan & Tax Increment Financing Plan, Submit the Plan to City Council & City Council Hold a Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report – Bobie Crongeyer

Crongeyer covered the monthly financial report provided by City Clerk/Treasurer Bridget Brown.

Committee Updates

Outreach Committee – Bobie Crongeyer

No meeting was held this month but Crongeyer did request photos from businesses for the DDA site. John Costin has been moving forward on the billboard project.

Placemaking Committee – Christy Stempky

No meeting was held during October, Stempky did report on continuing research on downtown flowers, trees, etc. Duczkowski stated that the business sponsored Light Up Local Christmas Trees was already looking successful. In total 40 trees are available to be sponsored, numerous trees have already been sponsored by the time of the meeting.

Events Committee – Brandon Weir

No meeting was held during October, Weir did report that all things were in place for Ladies Night Out and Hospitality Night. He feels confident about the success of those events based on the enthusiasm that has been generated. Planning continues on the Holiday Parade of Lights scheduled for Saturday, December 4th at 6pm.

Business Development Committee – Polly Schneider

No meeting was held in October, no comments by Schneider.

TIF Renewal Committee – Katie Duczkowski / Bobie Crongeyer

The only item was addressed in item A, New Business: Consideration to adopt the Cheboygan Downtown Development Authority Development Plan & Tax Increment Financing Plan. The plan was adopted.

City Council Report – Mallory

Mayor Pro Tem Mallory reported on a variety of topics including, and Obsolete Property tax abatement for the Logmark building, federal monies for improvements to the water system and water tower, a new VA clinic approved for Indian River, a renewed interest in investigating the possibility of Meijer locating in Cheboygan, a request from the CEDG for City Council to be more proactive on promoting housing development, and a request to follow up on the Government for Tomorrow program.

Mayor Pro Tem Mallory also reported that a public hearing has been scheduled to discuss the implementation of a solar energy project at East Side School, a possible sale of the tissue plan has fallen through, the City Clerk position has been posted, two part time Parks and Recreation employees will be hired, and a lab tech will be hired.

Mayor Pro Tem Mallory reported that two site plan reviews were presented for use of properties in the Industrial Park for marijuana growing facilities, new members appointed to the Recreation Commission, and monies coming to Cheboygan under the American Recovery Act.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Sabolsky was not present to provide a report

Public Comments

There were no public participants present

Board Member Comments

Eckhart asked about the removal of trash and recycling bins downtown.

Duczkowski commented that trash bins remain out at Festival Square and the other bins have been picked up for winter by the DPW crew.

There was discussion among board members about keeping out more trash and recycling bins year-round.

Executive Session – Litigation

Item was tabled at the beginning of the meeting

Adjournment

Motion by King, seconded by Mallory, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm