

MINUTES OF DIMONDALE ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821
April 19, 2021
James P. Gallagher, Clerk

7:05 p.m. Regular meeting called to order by Village Manager, James Gallagher. With no Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson appointed yet members agreed to allow Gallagher to run the meeting.

Roll call Present: Conn (Dimondale, MI), Gnass (Dimondale, MI), McMahon (Dimondale, MI), Novasel (Dimondale, MI), Pohl (Dimondale, MI), Swart (Dimondale, MI), Viele (Dimondale, MI)
Absent: none

Also present: Betsy Kelly, Recording Secretary and Denise Parisian, RTF member.

Approval of Agenda

Gnass requested an amendment to the agenda to include Potential Projects under New Business. Motion by Gnass, second Swart, to approve the April 19, 2021 agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Public Session

No comments were offered.

Business Session

1. No minutes were presented for approval.
2. No unfinished business was presented.
3. Gallagher initiated discussion on the draft bylaws. Gnass and Parisian spoke regarding adding language back in from a separate draft document to maintain depth to the vision and guidance for the Commissioners. Gallagher noted that much of the language removed bestowed authority not granted in the ordinance. Discussion followed regarding modifying the ordinance, need for expanded language to allow for origination of ideas and retaining intent of the Commission as a creative body that researches and provides guidance to the Council on all art related additions to the Village while pursuing funding opportunities. Members concurred that the separate draft document has significant merit and more of the spirit of that document should be retained. A subcommittee comprised of Conn, Gnass, Novasel, Parisian and Swart was formed to review the bylaws. Motion by Gnass, second Pohl, to table adoption of the bylaws pending revisions by the subcommittee. Roll call Vote: Yes: Conn, Gnass, McMahan, Novasel, Pohl, Swart, Viele; No: none; Absent: none. Motion carried.
4. The following meetings were scheduled: May 17th and June 21st at 7:00 p.m.
5. Gnass initiated discussion on potential projects in the queue for the Commission. Parisian briefly explained the pocket park project at the corner of Bridge and Jefferson Streets noting that a piece of art along with appropriate landscaping in the area of the time capsule would be desirable and that Council has provided \$10,000.00 in the budget for this purpose. Gnass mentioned that the mural project headed up by Paige Hunter may also come before the Commission for review and the possibility of creative additions to the crosswalks by the elementary school.
6. Ralph Reznick, Village President, thanked the Commissioners for serving and explained that this body will be independent from the Council and creativity not inhibited.

Motion by McMahon, second Viele, to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Roll call Vote: Yes: Conn, Gnass, McMahan, Novasel, Pohl, Swart, Viele; No: none; Absent: none. Motion carried.

