

**MINUTES OF DIMONDALE ARTS COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821**  
June 20, 2023  
Denis S. Prisk Jr., Clerk

7:00 p.m. Regular meeting called to order by Vice Chairperson Conn.

**Roll call** Present: Gnass, Novasel, Pohl, Wilber, Conn

Absent: Bakken, Thornton

Also present: Denis Prisk, Village Manager

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Novasel, second Conn to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Public Session**

Gnass welcomed audience member Kymm Hadlock to the commission starting in July.

**Business Session**

1. Wilber provided an update on the Bridge Planter ideas. Discussion Occurred.
2. Wilber noted there was no new information on the landscaping for the Bridge between the banks. Prisk acknowledged that DPW would assist in watering plants when freshly planted.
3. Pohl briefed feedback from the Parks & Rec Committee about the Art Exchange Box. To clarify some discussion, Prisk explained the process in existing Ordinance and By Laws. Prisk recommended development of list of projects each year to get approved by council, then work from that list to implement.
4. Gnass discussed Island Jam 2023 concept and date, Sep 13. He will submit Special Event form for council approval.
5. Novasel updated storyteller 2023 and Gnass added information to concept. Discussion occurred.
6. Gnass provided discussion on Chalk Art. He is working with Dorothy Hull Library on details.
7. Gnass briefed that a fundraising document was uploaded to google drive. Discussion occurred on the vision of that document and fundraising. Prisk encouraged compliance with donation policy. Novasel recommended a committee for obtaining sponsors for arts events, Committee was formed with members being Gnass/Novasel/Hadlock.
8. Discussion occurred regarding consecutive unexcused absences by Thornton. Gnass will contact him to determine interest in continuing on board.
9. Gnass thanked Conn for her service to the commission and encouraged her to come back when she is able to.

Recommendations:

Motion by Pohl, second Wilber, that Village Council to approve proposal for Arts Exchange Box as proposed. Motion Carried.

Motion by Novasel, second Gnass, that Village Council approve special event for Island Jam 2023 Sep 13, 2023. Motion Carried

Motion by Conn, second, Novasel, that Village Council approve Dimondale Story Tellers Series. Motion Carried.

With no additional business, Gnass adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

