

MINUTES OF DIMONDALE ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821
September 19, 2022
James P. Gallagher, Clerk

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

Roll call Present: Bakken (arrived 7:02 p.m.), Conn, Gnass, Novasel, Thornton, Wilber
Absent: Pohl

Also present: James Gallagher, Village Manager; Betsy Kelly, Recording Secretary.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Conn, second Novasel, to approve the September 19, 2022 agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

Public Session

No comments were received.

Business Session

1. Wilber offered a clerical correction to the minutes for a name spelling. Motion by Novasel, second Gnass, to approve the May 16, 2022 minutes as amended. Motion carried.
2. Gnass initiated discussion on the vision statement and invited members to have ideas ready for the next meeting.
3. Gnass provided an update on the Island Jam event on September 21, 2022.
4. Gnass solicited member input on creating an artistic crosswalk at the intersection of Walnut and Jefferson Streets. Discussion followed regarding help from school children, type of paint, design and necessity for waivers for the Village for insurance purposes.
5. Gnass stated that the mural fundraising will be revisited once the Village Manager has determined the correct vehicle for retaining the funds and Council approves. Motion by Gnass, second Novasel, to request that the Village Council establish a fund for Art Commission donations and fundraising proceeds. Motion carried.
6. Gnass reported on the Bridge Between Banks art installation and spoke about the possible need for upgraded landscaping as well as widening of the concrete path to meet ADA standards. Wilber and Thornton will work on a draft landscaping plan.
7. Gnass initiated discussion on temporary installations such as decorative canoe covers for the flower boxes on the bridge. Thornton will follow up with a contact for this venture.
8. Motion by Novasel, second Thornton, to appoint Gnass as Chairperson and Conn as Vice Chairperson for terms to expire in June 2023. Motion carried.
9. Gnass spoke regarding roles and opportunities at the Arts Commission and encouraged all members to share ideas and goals.

With no additional business, Gnass adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

