

MINUTES OF DIMONDALE ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821
September 20, 2021
James P. Gallagher, Clerk

7:03 p.m. Regular meeting called to order by Chairperson Gnass.

Roll call Present: Conn, Gnass, Pohl, Swart, Viele
Absent: Novasel

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Viele, second Gnass, to approve the September 20, 2021 agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

Public Session

No comments were received.

Business Session

1. Motion by Conn, second Viele, to approve the August 16, 2021 minutes as presented.
Motion carried.

2. Gnass introduced the selection of finalists from the eight eligible RFQ respondents. Members discussed each applicant and evaluated proposals based upon the criteria in the RFQ with the focus on Dimondale heritage, durability of structure, appropriate sizing and scale for the area, and placemaking. After much consideration, the group narrowed down the field through an open ranked choice voting. Motion by Pohl, second Conn, to select Ivan Iler, David Such and Richard Tanner as the three finalists for the inaugural art piece in the Village of Dimondale with a \$500 participation stipend awarded to each. Motion carried. The Commissioners discussed conducting site visits with the artists and notification to all participants.

3. Gnass suggested that members review the draft scoring rubric for the next meeting.

4. Gnass initiated discussion on the Arts Commission vacancy. Viele noted that all previous applicants expressed interest in the appointment. Members evaluated applicants based upon experience, education, and local connection. The group narrowed down the field through an open ranked choice voting. Motion by Viele, second Gnass, to forward a recommendation to the Dimondale Village Council to appoint Sarah Welsch to the Arts Commission with a term to expire June 2023. Motion carried.

5. Parisian stated that Paige Hunter will attend the October meeting.

With no additional business, Gnass adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

