

MINUTES OF DIMONDALE ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821
November 15, 2021
James P. Gallagher, Clerk

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

Roll call Present: Conn, Gnass, Novasel, Pohl, Swart, Viele, Welsch
Absent: none

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Swart, second Viele, to approve the November 15, 2021 agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

Public Session

No comments were received.

Business Session

1. Motion by Novasel, second Pohl, to approve the October 18, 2021 minutes as presented.
Motion carried.

2. The three finalists, Richard Tanner, David Such and Ivan Iler, made presentations to the Commission for the inaugural public art installation for the Village of Dimondale. Each spoke about the Grand River as a central theme and presented conceptual proposals for member review. The artists also addressed the following: approximate dimensions, material composition, anchoring, personal connections, link to Dimondale heritage, physical longevity of art piece, visual experience, and lack of need for electrical connection. The Commissioners filled out scoring rubrics after each presentation and Gnass reminded the group that the rubric does not establish the “winner” but rather provides a starting point for discussion. Results were reported as follows: Richard Tanner – 666; David Such – 712; and Ivan Iler – 754. Discussion followed regarding how each piece fits all the criteria in different ways, engagement with the community, and how all the presented sculptures would fit in different public parks in the Village. The group proceeded with an open ranked choice voting to further narrow the field with the following results: #1 – Iler; #2 – Tanner; #3 – Such. Gnass called for further discussion and the group agreed that both methods revealed Iler as the choice for selection. Motion by Viele, second Novasel, to send a recommendation to the Village Council to award the public art project to Ivan Iler. Motion carried. Gnass thanked all the artists for their excellent representations of Dimondale.

3. Gnass lead discussions on fund-raising, requesting a match from the Village Council for a mural, writing grants, procuring one or both of the other submissions from tonight’s meeting, and a public communication/marketing strategy for announcing the award after the December Council meeting. Parisian suggested approaching Windsor Township regarding their membership in LEAP as a possible source of funding. Gnass requested that Gallagher put \$15,000 in the budget for Council consideration as a fund-raising match for the mural project.

With no additional business, Gnass adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.