

**MINUTES OF DIMONDALE ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821

May 17, 2021

James P. Gallagher, Clerk

7:04 p.m. Regular meeting called to order by Camron Gnass.

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: James Gallagher, Village Manager; Ralph Reznick, Village President; Denise Parisian, RTF member; and Betsy Kelly, Recording Secretary.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Viele, second Novasel, to approve the May 17, 2021 agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public Session

No comments were offered.

Business Session

1. Motion by Pohl, second Novasel, to approve the April 19, 2021 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

2. Gnass presented the revised bylaws for member consideration. Discussion followed regarding adding language that the Chairperson will be appointed from committee membership; ability of Chairperson to vote and participate in discussion and establishment of rotating terms. Pohl and Conn will forward minor edits to Parisian for the final product. Motion by Novasel, second McMahon, to approve the bylaws as amended. Motion carried.

3. Gnass initiated discussion on the appointment of officers and Commissioner terms suggesting the following rotation: two terms expire 2022, two in 2023 and three in 2024 to maintain board stability. Parisian suggested an email poll to determine interest in term choice and leadership roles. Discussion followed regarding Open Meeting Act communications. Motion by McMahon, second Conn, to table appointments until next month. Motion carried.

4. Parisian presented a proposal for art installation in the pocket park at Bridge and Jefferson Streets which should take into consideration location of the existing time capsule and addition of new landscaping. Members suggested providing a framework for the Request for Proposal (RFP) that includes the history and culture of Dimondale but allows the artist creative freedom. Parisian noted that budgeted funds are available until February 28, 2022.

5. Gnass initiated discussion on establishing standards for Requests for Proposals and suggested working from documents developed by the Greater Lansing Arts Council. Commissioners agreed on the following initial criteria: sizing to fit space, consideration of environmental conditions, draft renderings, past works of artist, number of years art will be displayed and delivery and installation charges. Parisian and Novasel volunteered to work on researching and developing a draft document for member review. Gnass noted that the Greater Lansing Arts Council will submit RFPs for the Village.

6. The Commissioners agreed to use Google Docs for group storage and review of documents. Gnass suggested adding future projects to the next agenda and holding the June meeting at Lions Park.

With no additional business, Gnass adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

