

**MINUTES OF DIMONDALE ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

136 N. Bridge Street, Dimondale, MI 48821

December 14, 2021

James P. Gallagher, Clerk

7:02 p.m. Regular meeting called to order by Chairperson Gnass.

Roll call Present: Conn, Gnass, Novasel, Pohl, Viele, Welsch

Absent: Swart

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Viele, second Pohl, to approve the December 14, 2021 agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

Public Session

No comments were received.

Business Session

1. Motion by Novasel, second Welsch, to approve the November 15, 2021 minutes as presented. Motion carried.
2. Gnass reported on the Council approval of the sculpture by Ivan Iler and noted an early summer installation is desired. Gnass also noted that an anonymous donor came forward with an offer of \$5,000 toward purchase of the fish sculpture by Richard Tanner and that the Village Council voted to fund the remaining \$3,500 out of this year's budget. Motion by Novasel, second Conn, to accept the \$5,000 donation to procure the art piece "The River Runs Through Us" from Richard Tanner. Discussion followed regarding creating two separate events, with Iler's occurring first; possible joint venture with the Recreation Task Force; using a story telling event to unveil the art work; using the events as venues for fund raising; and being out ahead of the communication enough to drive the narrative. The Commissioners agreed to have Pohl develop a release for Iler first then Tanner and to have them run during the upcoming holiday season. Novasel will draft a concept of the story telling for the unveiling.
3. Gnass solicited input on general communications from the Arts Commission and it was decided to continue to use the Village's Facebook and Instagram. Gnass would like to explore establishing a separate fund for art donations and fund-raising proceeds, with Council approval.
4. Parisian spoke about grant opportunities and events planned for next year around the Village. Kelly noted the holiday conflicts with the January and February meetings. The group agreed to reschedule the January meeting to January 18, 2022.

With no additional business, Gnass adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

