

Elkton DDA Meeting
Tuesday, August 18th, 2026
Elkton Village Hall
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Council Member Agnes Kosinski called the meeting to order at 12:12P.M. with lunch provided by Phyllis Baranski. Members present: Emma Heck, Gail Schember, Tina Seley, and Todd Schneider. Excused Absent: President Dan Armbruster, Dennis Ropp, and Brent Salas. One Vacant Seat.

Motion Gail Schember, second Tina Seley to approve the agenda, as presented.
Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Accept Resignation/Appoint New Chairman
Phyllis Baranski read aloud the resignation letter from Carrie Williams dated 05/12/2026. Discussion. Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Tina Seley to accept with regret the resignation letter from Carrie Williams.
Motion carried.
Agnes Kosinski asked if anyone would volunteer to be the chairman. Discussion. No one volunteered to be the chairman, so the position remains open and discussion will happen at next meeting.
2. Downtown Banners
Phyllis Baranski stated the new "Welcome to Elkton" banners were hung for most of the summer and have been traded out for the "Autumnfest" banners. The banners were also moved higher when the new ones were hung at the beginning of summer. Discussion on other banner designs and budgeting for different seasonal banners.
3. DDA Signage for Elkton A-Frame Ackerman Park
Discussion on placing a DDA sign on the A-Frame sign to help promote the DDA, as an active group improving Elkton. Discussion on layout of the signs included on the A-Frame sign and painting of the A-Frame sign. Discussion and budgeting will continue at next meeting. Members are asked to check out the A-Frame sign at Ackerman Park and at the entrances to the Village to come up with ideas for including the DDA on them.
4. M-142 Land Frontage Split
Phyllis Baranski stated the parcels are surveyed and split. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation is assisting the Village on advertising the parcels to potential businesses. Discussion on the sale price of the lots. Several members will see if they can get an approximate sale price from realtor friends, so that the Village has a price range for selling.

New Business:

1. New DDA Member
Several members have tried asking potential DDA members to join, in order to fill the vacant seat, but no one has filled out an application. Discussion. The members present agree to continue searching for someone to fill the vacant seat.

2. Treasurer's Report
Phyllis Baranski reviewed the revenues and expenditures since the last meeting. Current balance is \$44,093.99. Discussion. Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Gail Schember to accept the Treasurer's report, as presented.
Motion carried.
3. Pocket Park Kiosk
Discussion on type, size, style, location, and cost of a kiosk in the Pocket Park. Members will research and discuss the idea again at the next meeting.
4. Flower Pots for Christmastime
Discussion on filling the summer flower pots with greenery for Christmastime. Discussion on the cost and maintenance of winter pots. Discussion on garland for the Pocket Park entrance arch. Phyllis Baranski will get prices for the next meeting.
Agnes Kosinski stated the Elkton Lions Parks and Rec. committee will not be planting flowers in various locations around the Village next year due to watering schedules. Discussion on volunteers, location of flowers that are planted by the group, advertising for help, and the possibility of irrigation. Members will research the cost of irrigation and flowers for these areas and discuss at the next meeting whether or not the DDA wants to take over these flowers next year.
5. Review of Summer Events
Phyllis Baranski stated there is one more Friday of Music in the Park on Aug. 21st, Born to Be Wild Weekend is Aug. 28th and 29th, and the weekend after that is Labor Day weekend for Autumnfest. Phyllis encouraged the members to volunteer or attend the events to support Elkton.
6. Toddler Playground
Phyllis Baranski stated a resident brought forth a proposal for a toddler playground like they have in Bad Axe. Members reviewed the proposal and discussed the cost and location. Discussion will continue during budgeting time, as a possible project.
7. Laker School Volunteers
Phyllis Baranski stated Laker Athletics is looking for volunteers to run the concession stand. The members agreed it would be fun to go as a DDA group and volunteer. Phyllis will contact Lakers for available dates and bring it back to next meeting for the DDA to choose a time and date.
8. Five Year Plan Ideas
Agnes Kosinski reminded members to start a list of short and long term projects that could be included in a five year plan. This will streamline the budgeting process every year. Discussion will continue at upcoming meetings.
9. HCCF Annual Celebration
Phyllis Baranski stated the Huron Youth Center is the host site for the annual celebration on Sept. 10th with hors d'oeuvres being served at 5:30P.M. and presentations starting at 6P.M. Elkton is being showcased for all the park improvements over the last few years. Everyone is encouraged to attend and promote Elkton.

Public Comment: None

Next meeting date for the DDA will be **Tuesday October 6th, 2026 at 12:00P.M.** Lunch will be provided by Todd Schneider. Everyone is encouraged to start planning scarecrow ideas for this meeting.

Motion Agnes Kosinski, second Emma Heck to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:03P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Phyllis A. Baranski, CMC, MiPMC
Village Clerk/ Treasurer
DDA Secretary/Treasurer