

Sparta Downtown Development Authority
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 10, 2018
156 E. DIVISION STREET, SPARTA, MI 49345

Meeting called to order at 7:46 am by Cheslek.

Members present: Cheslek, Lamb, Freeland, Baker, Potter, Jacobsen, Shangle, Dougan, Brown, Nickels
Also Present: Morse, Sharon DeLange

Motion by Lamb, second by Potter to approve the Minutes of the March 13, 2018. All Approved.
Motion by Dougan, second by Baker to approve the finance report as presented. All Approved

Public Comment - None

Unfinished Business

- A. Discussion on 194 E. Division property construction and consensus this is a vital representation of Sparta. Estimates include an additional \$30,000 for exterior “historicizing”, removing asbestos siding, and finishing some interior elements. Community member Sharon Delange offered to donate \$3,500 to assist in the exterior header. Motion by Dougan, second by Baker to approve an additional \$30,000 DDA expenditure on the property renovations. Jacobsen, yes; Baker, yes; Lamb, yes; Potter, yes; Cheslek, yes; Freeland, yes; Brown, yes; Dougan, yes; Shangle, yes; Nickels, yes. Motion approved.
- B. Donation Plaque / Exterior historical plaque discussion. Consensus to have two plaques: one outdoor that discusses historical info with original owner and renovation dates on the exterior of the building and a second plaque that is interior with donor names attached to the plaque, potentially in the shape of a “apple tree”. Director will investigate both options to present to the board. DDA Board Member Thomas Cheslek offered to cover the cost on the two plaques.
- C. Official naming of the building: DDA will need to settle on the official name used by the department for the use of the building in press releases and on the plaques: Options considered include: DeLange House, Delange Harness Shop, The DeLange Building,

New Business

Executive Session None.

Business Director Report – included in packet

- A. Discussion on a potential donor /fundraiser dinner at new office prior to opening. Consensus to proceed if timing allows for the event to occur.

Public Comment/ Announcements

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by executive privilege at 8:49 am. Respectfully
Submitted by Elizabeth Morse