

**VILLAGE OF PEOTONE  
DOWNTOWN ADHOC COMMITTEE  
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX HALL  
5:00 PM  
MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2022**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Downtown Rehabilitation ADHOC Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM on June 23, 2022, at the Municipal Complex Hall, 208 E. Main Street, Peotone, Illinois.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Trustee Marevka Conducted Roll Call. Present: Mayor March, Trustee Marevka, Trustee Bowden. Also present was Administrator Aimee Ingalls, Andrea Arens, Editor of The Vedette Newspaper.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Trustee Marevka Moved to Approve Minutes of March 17, 2022, Downtown Ad Hoc Committee. Second By Trustee Bowden.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee Marevka. Trustee Bowden. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Sluis. Motion Passed.
4. **DISCUSS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION FOR DESIGN AND FUNCTIONAL ELEMENTS FOR THE EMPTY LOT ON SECOND STREET OWNED BY THE VILLAGE.** Mayor March gave a brief history, talked about doing a project to make lot look nicer, yet not too costly as lot ideally will be for sale in future. Landscape architect suggested a pathway, a couple benches, a few trees for shade (temporarily). Should be a fence on alley side 4 ft. aluminum fence, a garbage can, a bike rack, a couple of planters. Mayor looked at various sites online for commercial benches. Planters, big concrete planters. Costs are under consideration, keeping in mind the elements could be re used in other places if lot sold. Trustee Marevka inquired if putting gravel pea gravel for path with pavers as border, to be used elsewhere later. Werner's gave estimate of four trees. Mayor's vision is to make it a nice spot for resting. A pet trash spot was suggested. The Pet Groomer across the street suggested a "dog rest stop hole." A children's swing also suggested. Bike rack suggested. Discussed pros and cons of vinyl vs. aluminum fence for back border. A mural on the wall for people to take "selfies." A few inexpensive bushes in front of fence. Trustee Marevka suggested putting lights on fence at Christmas, like to put in elements that can be recycled, or re-used. Mayor will talk to Marilyn and Matt at Corner Cafe to see if they had thoughts about expanding their restaurant in the future. Very cost conscious, so want to choose elements carefully, keeping in mind selecting elements which could be reused elsewhere. Commented: It would be better than seeing an empty lot, Mayor would like to put this on the agenda for Monday night's Board meeting, 6.27.22, and use Business Development Funds for this, up to \$25,000.
5. **DISCUSS LIGHT POLES FEATURES AND LIGHT METRICS TO CONFIRM THE NUMBER OF POLES NEEDED.**  
Reviewed Style Options. Number of Lights needed discussed, favored the idea of five light poles for safety, making the area well-lit.  
Trustee Bowden suggested sound speakers on poles. Mayor prefers wireless, instead of wires.
6. **REVIEW OUTSTANDING DESIGN ELEMENTS FOR THE RAILROAD STREET AND PARKING LOT PHASE, ONE OF THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.**
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
8. **GENERAL DISCUSSION:** Trustee Sluis requested mayor to bring up the subject of directional signs. Mayor referred to advertiser who suggested this type of sign with business advertising in past. He said Aimee will investigate this. Trustee Bowden brought up idea of advertising signs to give direction, information. Commented: The more signs we provide, the better for the public.  
The Public Library directional sign was referred to, something along those lines. Place directional sign on Route 50. Discussion turned to the Railroad Street parking project, noting shallow main, also will need flaggers. Consensus of committee agreed on wrought Iron fence and shrubs.
9. **ADJOURNMENT:**  
Moved By Trustee Bowden to Adjourn the Meeting, Seconded by Trustee Marevka. All In Favor.  
Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Sluis. Motion Passed  
Adjourned At 5:25pm