

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE

DOWNTOWN AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of July 11, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm by Trustee Marevka

II. ROLL CALL

Trustee Marevka, Trustee Richards, Trustee Sluis. Also in attendance were the Mayor and Village Administrator, Aimee Ingalls.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 28, 2023, DOWNTOWN ADHOC COMMITTEE MEETING

Motion Trustee Sluis, Seconded by Trustee Marevka

Approval: All said Aye.

Nays: None

Motion passed.

V. REVIEW COMPLETION OF PHASE 1 RAILROAD STREET AND PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION OF THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The Mayor wanted to make sure that there were no underlying issues. There will not be any additional trees planted. There was discussion about the flower pots; they were not hung on the light poles this year, in the future the poles could have one banner and a flower pot and in the winter months could have two banners. The Mayor stated the entryway will be corrected to make easier for larger vehicles.

VI. REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO UPLAND & ROBINSON ON UPDATED PLANS & DESIGN ELEMENTS FOR PHASE 2 OF THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The Mayor gave an update. Upland will be fine tuning the design work and planning where trees, planters, benches and light poles will go. Robinson has been doing storm sewer work and working with the utility companies to help get any issues resolved so the process will go smoothly. The Mayor presented a handout which included layouts of Main Street, Railroad Street, Second Street and North Street and the handout showed crosswalks, driveways, bump-outs and also placement of light poles, planters and what will go in planters and trees. The handout also included a plant list which had an emphasis on low maintenance plants, mostly perennials and shrubs. There was discussion on the maintenance of the trees in regards to the grates, types and sizes of the trees. The list will be given to Bob Hennke to review and get quotes from professionals for annual maintenance before deciding on how the maintenance will be handled, i.e. a public works employee or a contractor. Richards asked if this project will be disruptive to businesses, the Mayor responded yes but after discussion with Robinson it was determined that it would cost half million dollars to split it in half and not sure if it would affect the grant guidelines. The Mayor would like to have a meeting this Fall with the business owners for discussion and to hopefully mitigate the impact as much as possible. The project

will take approximately three months. Richards asked who is responsible for emptying the garbage cans in the downtown area, Mayor responded Public Works. Sluis reported that originally three pavers were selected and that she didn't like the orange one but it will only be 5-10% of the project. Michelle from Upland will be putting together a sample of the pavers and also samples of the grates as they have not been chosen yet. Sluis still needs to set up a meeting with the speaker company. There was some discussion on sign types and locations. The Mayor would like something saying Welcome to Peotone, no arch but something classy that defines the downtown area and matches with the street signs. Sluis will look into, did not like the samples provided. The Mayor stated they are still having meetings with Upland and Robinson to iron out details and plans to have the bid out by Dec/Jan and award the contract immediately after. Depending on cost may have to make some decisions to cut portions or spend savings to complete entire project. He also asked to have included the infrastructure for a couple EV charging stations on each block but they would only be included if awarded a grant, would not spend additional money to add.

VII. GENERAL DISCUSSION: None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Marevka motioned all in favor to adjourn.

Approval: All said Aye

Absent: None

Adjournment at 5:03 pm

Stacey Hartwell

Village Clerk