

VILLAGE OF GRAFTON
PUBLIC ARTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 12, 2015

Chair Erin Blum called the Public Arts Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Board members present: Erin Blum, Tara Wisdorf, Trustee Dean Proefrock, and Ann Murray

Board members excused: Joan Warwick

Staff present: Village Administrator Darrell Hofland and Administrative Assistant Chris Stannis

Others present: None

HEAR PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD:

None.

MINUTES

Motion by Trustee Proefrock, seconded by Tara Wisdorf, to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2015 meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

There was no discussion on this item.

REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND GRAFTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

Erin Blum would like volunteers to go to a Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce meeting to look for new members. The Board is trying to generate interest and inform the community about the Public Arts Board. A suggestion was made to contact Chamber Director Pam King to discuss Board members attending a ONCE meeting. This meeting would require a one minute presentation about the Public Arts Board. Further discussion will occur regarding the presentation and key points to highlight including the saxophone art project.

Mrs. Blum is looking for volunteers to help put the presentation together and to attend a ONCE meeting.

VACANCIES ON THE PUBLIC ART BOARD

The Board discussed how options to fill vacancies on the Public Arts Board during discussion of the previous agenda item. The possibility of offering a spot on the Board to a high school student might be an option. It was suggested that the matter should be discussed with the Grafton High School to see if there is any interest.

DONATIONS TO THE GRAFTON PUBLIC ARTS BOARD'S FUTURE PROJECTS

Erin Blum received feedback from area businesses about sponsorship opportunities. The Board discussed what would need to be in the letter and what projects were to be listed. A member suggested listing a project in the letter and how the company would benefit from sponsorship. Mrs. Blum is going to reword the letter and forward to the Board members once completed. A suggestion was made to take key points from the presentation and list them in the letter.

POETRY PATHS UPDATE

Village Administrator Darrell Hofland discussed the 2015 sidewalk project and gave the Public Arts Board members the location area of the new stamped poems. The Board suggested not to have the poetry contest for 2016, due to the financial constraints.

Erin Blum asked about a possible sculpture on the Veterans Memorial Park riverwalk. Mr. Hofland described the location of the riverwalk and future sculptures on the riverwalk.

Ideas and suggestions were discussed for bricks, benches, and other way to raise funds for the Public Arts Board. The Board would need to contact the Parks and Recreation Board and offer those suggestions and comments.

The guitar project was discussed regarding where to place the guitars that did not receive a three year sponsorship. A suggestions was made to create a sculpture by the Blues marker at the Chair Factory Park located at the corner of Falls Road and 12th Avenue.

Mr. Hofland will contact the artist who created the Meijer sculpture for ideas.

OLD BUSINESS

Erin Blum made a donation to the Public Arts Board and purchased more LED goblets to sell at the Glass Palette. Ms. Blum made a suggestion that when the Glass Palette runs out of stock, more are purchased. This item is a good revenue source for the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Board member Ann Murray suggested more ideas regarding fundraising options. She indicated that the Board should consider items similar to what the City of Port Washington does such as the fence posts at Possibility Playground, benches, bricks, and plaques.

The Board briefly discussed the possibility of doing the rain barrel project again in the future.

ADJOURN

Motion by Trustee Proefrock, seconded by Ann Murray, to adjourn at 6:04 p.m.
Motion carried.