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Village of Elmira Heights Meeting Room
March 1, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Present: D. Terry, Mayor M. Smith, T. Amberg G. Patelunas, H. Blish, Attorney John McGlenn

Absent:

Excused: Julie Chevalier, Executive Director

Staff: Lisa Novitsky, Program Director

L. Novitsky, Program Director, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Board of Director's Meeting Minutes – February 02, 2016:
Board members reviewed the Meeting Minutes. There were no additions and/or corrections.

D. Terry, made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes,
G. Patelunas, seconded; motion carried.

Financial Statements ending February 2016:
Board members reviewed the Financial Statements. There were no additions and/or corrections.

G. Patelunas, made a motion to accept the Financial Statements as presented,
H. Blish, seconded; motion carried.

Approve Audit of Expenditures; Audit 2016-103, Dated 3-01-16 Checks #219 & 220, 124
Board members reviewed the Expenditures. There were no additions and/or corrections.

D. Terry, made a motion to accept the Audit of Expenditures as presented,
T. Amberg, seconded; motion carried.

Urban Renewal Agency Report – March, 2016:
Board members reviewed the Agency Report. There were no additions and/or corrections.

H. Blish, made a motion to accept the Report as presented,
T. Amberg, seconded; motion carried.

Retainer Agreement with Barclay and Damon
The Retainer Agreement was reviewed and approved by Attorney John McGlenn for Executive Director, J. Chevalier to execute and submit to Barclay and Damon. Attorney McGlenn did some research on the insurance and discovered that back when the park was being built the URA made four payments to a company that preceded Perry and Carol. It was suggested by Attorney McGlenn that the payments may have been for Worker's Compensation Insurance for the workers, since there were only four payments made in a short period of time.

Attorney's John McGlenn and Jerry O'Connel inspected the area in question and discovered that there was an exercise path created a significant time after the park was built. There is a series of stops on this path for people to do exercises. Both attorneys presume that this is where the incident may have happened. It was further suggested that the URA may want to utilize the defense that the path was not built by the Village or the URA and that both parties should be dismissed from the lawsuit all together.

G. Patelunas suggested that the URA try to secure an aerial photo of the area to prove this path was not included when the park was constructed.

Thurston Park Phase II playground
Mayor Smith stated that $8,000.00 was received from the Anderson Foundation that J. Chevalier had written a grant application for. She had applied for $25,000. This ultimately means that a small unit of equipment will have to be purchased and all of the other items on the list will not be addressed unless further funding is secured.

Recognition of Persons Addressing the Agency:
None

Other Items:
Nothing to report.

Next Meeting:
The next meeting will be held on April 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

G. Patelunas, made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
D. Terry, seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
(On file)
Lisa Novitsky
Program Director