

City of La Porte Business Improvement District
City Hall
La Porte, IN 46350
July 11, 2022

President Thaddeus Cutler called the July 11, 2022 meeting of the City of La Porte Business Improvement District Board to order at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held at City Hall at 801 Michigan Avenue, La Porte, IN. Roll call of members of the Board was shown to be present or absent as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brad Adamsky, Robin Clark, Thaddeus Cutler, Jessica Granger, Jim Kaminski, John Spiggle, Lizz Ward, Clinton Worthington

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Kaminski, Dawn Melchiorre, Clinton Worthington

GUESTS PRESENT: Laura Cutler, Amy Feikes, Kate Lawson, Craig Phillips

MINUTES: President Cutler asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made on the June 13 minutes. Ward made a correction about the maintenance report. Ward made a motion to approve the June 13 meeting minutes with the correction and Adamsky seconded. There being no further discussion; motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS: Councilwoman Cutler reported that \$21,500 was approved by the La Porte Urban Enterprise Zone to purchase additional snowflakes and replace the damaged wreaths for Christmas.

Kate Lawson is interested in the BID so she decided to visit for today's meeting.

Amy Feikes would like the BID to place another trash receptacle over by the Plaza. The customers from Downtown Delights have been overflowing the current receptacles. Adamsky and Spiggle said they are in favor of moving a trash receptacle or two if available.

Feikes will also be putting together a quote for snow removal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Spiggle reported we had \$16 of interest in May. Jongkind was paid \$150 for secretarial services and Mofield was paid \$1,500 for sidewalks.

The allocation for real estate taxes is expected for next month. There are currently some counting issues with reconciliation.

There is still \$101,430.74 remaining in the budget.

There were two claims dated June 29th for watering. Feikes will look into the dates. Feikes sent the BID the bill from the water department in the amount of \$62. Spiggle will contact the water department to see how they would like to handle the payment; whether they would like it to be taken care of internally or if they would like a check. The invoices for four weeks of June for summer maintenance plus a \$45 watering charge totaled \$2,045. The watering for June 15th on that consists of 6 waterings \$220 per watering for a total of \$1,320. Claims totaled \$3,365. Adamsky motioned to approve the claims in the amount of \$3,365 and Clark seconded.

Maintenance: Phillips reported that the two planters were repaired and the planter at Jackson and Lincolnway was removed. The sidewalk has been replaced with concrete instead of pavers. The planter at Madison and Lincolnway has already been hit again by a truck that was making a delivery to Big C Lumber. This accident only chipped a corner of the cap, and no bricks were damaged.

Replacement of the pavers has begun for the areas that were improved.

He received a quote from Mystic Irrigation for \$10-11,000 regarding the repairs needed for the planters and he is meeting on Thursday with Hess Irrigation to get a quote from them as well. He should get that quote in the next week, and he estimates another couple weeks to complete the work. Ward suggested to continue the watering through the rest of this season and then repair the infrastructure at the end of the season but wait to repair the sprinkler heads next year. Phillips suggested waiting for the second quote and then deciding how to handle the repairs.

Five tree stumps have been ground and removed.

Phillips took a trip with the consultants regarding streetscaping to a few Chicago suburbs and will be sharing photos with the board. He will be making a presentation of ideas at the next long-term planning meeting and will invite the other BID members.

Phillips also notified the BID that David Heinold has put together an inventory of all the benches, trash receptacles, bike racks, etc. and where everything is located. He is currently working on putting it into a digital format to share with the board.

Leaf & Snow Removal: There was no report.

Flowers: Ward reported that Mofield has been watering the planters that are not working, unless it rains.

Trees: There was no report.

Long-Term Planning: Kaminski was not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

Adamsky was driving through some little towns including Finley, Ohio and mentioned there were banners for veterans across some of the towns and he wondered if there was possibly a state or federal program to fund banners here in La Porte. Spiggle mentioned that November 11th is Veteran's Day and if the community would like to do something, that might be a good time frame.

Dawn has accepted an executive position in Chicago so she will no longer be able to serve on the BID board.

Adjournment/Next Meeting

There being no further business, Ward entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m. Clark and Adamsky seconded. The next board meeting will be August 8, 2022. ***If unable to attend this meeting, please contact Thaddeus Cutler by email at thaddeus@thaddeusc.com***

Respectfully submitted by: Lindsay Jongkind