

City of La Porte Business Improvement District
City Hall
La Porte, IN 46350
February 14, 2022

President Thaddeus Cutler called the February 14, 2022 meeting of the City of La Porte Business Improvement District Board to order at 5:01 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, Thaddeus Cutler, Lizz Ward, Jim Kaminski, Erica Kanney, John Spiggle, and Clinton Worthington

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dawn Melchiorri and Jessica Granger

GUESTS PRESENT: Laura Cutler, David Heinold, Craig Phillips, Charity Hvlasa, and Amy Feikes

MINUTES: Lizz Ward made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the January 10, 2022 BID meeting and the motion was seconded by Clinton Worthington. The motion passed unanimously (7-0)

GUEST COMMENTS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: John presented the financial report through December 2021. No changes to the budget. John read the February Claims as follows: Payment to D. Mofield Property Services for snow removal from the last half of December through the first half of February as approximately \$13,000. Kaminski made a motion to approve the claims and Worthington seconded. There being no further discussion; motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Maintenance: Craig presented two planter quote bids for the planters at Lincolnway and Madison Street, \$3,840; and Lincolnway and Jackson Street, \$5,850. The total amount of the bids for both planter repairs from Paul's Construction. The BID Board would like Craig to provide quotes for planter removal at the next meeting. The City will also coordinate the planter repair or removal with the irrigation system review later this spring. David will call WISSCO to get an earlier date and time for the irrigation system review.

Leaf & Snow Removal: Amy mentioned that she met with both the City and the State regarding snow removal. The City will pick up snow from the curb. There is timing that needs to be worked out with both the City and State corresponding to when they clear snow from the streets. Amy mentioned that the snow is removed by 7 am to minimize the amount of trampled snow. There was discussion about smarter salt spreading on the sidewalks in the BID. Clinton mentioned that he talked with the Horizon Bank Manager about better salt spreading information.

Flowers: None.

Trees: None.

Long-Term Planning: Jim presented an update that the Long Term Design and Plan subcommittee made up of Councilwoman Julie West, Craig Phillips, David Heinold, Nick Minich, Thaddeus Cutler, and Jim Kaminski met last Friday. The City is looking to get a design for a portion of the intersection at Monroe Street

and Lincolnway as a prototype for the BID Board to review. The subcommittee will add a member from the Redevelopment Commission. There will be regular updates on this subject to the BID Board in the future.

OLD BUSINESS:

Craig presented the BID Banner Schedule for approval. The BID board discussed pairing up the La Porte County Symphony Orchestra with the Sunflower Fair during the fall season starting August 15th. The High School Music banners will take the spring timeslot in 2023. Craig will notify Ed Gilliland about the schedule for music student banners for spring 2023. Erica would like the board to consider an application process in the future so that organizations know the process for banners.

NEW BUSINESS:

Craig presented a proposal for BID contribution to a Parking Study by Walker Parking Consultants in the amount of \$72,400 mostly funded by the Redevelopment Commission. The City would like to provide the BID with the opportunity to contribute funds for the Parking Study. Brad mentioned that the parking study could look at adding parking where planters may be removed. The BID board discussed a reasonable amount to contribute to the Parking Study. John mentioned that the budget allows for \$4,000 in professional services. Worthington made a motion to contribute \$4,000 to the Parking Study by Walker Parking Consultants and the motion was seconded by Adamsky. There being no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

None.

Adjournment/Next Meeting

There being no further business, Lizz Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m. and the motion was seconded by Brad Adamsky. There being no further discussion, the motion passed. The next board meeting will be March 14, 2022. ***If unable to attend this meeting, please contact Thaddeus Cutler by email at thaddeus@thaddeusc.com***

*Respectfully submitted by: David Heinold, City Planner
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