

City of La Porte Business Improvement District
City Hall
La Porte, IN 46350
March 13, 2023

President Thaddeus Cutler called the March 13, 2023 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, Courtney Dickman, Jessica Granger, Jim Kaminski, Tommy Viere, Lizz Ward, Clinton Worthington

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Spiggle

GUESTS PRESENT: Laura Cutler, Amy Feikes, Charity Hlavsa, Craig Phillips, Becky Pressel

MINUTES: President Cutler asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made on the February 13 minutes. Ward made a motion to approve the February 13 meeting minutes and Worthington seconded. There being no further discussion; motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS: Becky Pressel representing Family Advocates approached the board about putting blue bows up on every other streetlight from April 1st to the 30th for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Ward approved and Viere seconded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Spiggle was not present. There were two vouchers. The first was from Downtown Decorations for 80 boxes of LED Christmas bulbs in the amount of \$1,997.80. The second was for D. Mofield Properties for two snow removals on 1/26 for \$2,025 and 3/3 for \$2,295 for a total of \$4,320. Feikes also presented two additional invoices for downtown maintenance in the amount of \$500 each totaling \$1,000. The total for the claims was \$7,317.80. Adamsky motioned to approve the claims as presented, Worthington seconded. There being no further discussion, motion passed.

Maintenance: Phillips got a quote for the pavers and planter in front of 708 Lincolnway. The cost of a new planter without plumbing and electrical would be \$12,500 and pavers would be \$16,750 for a total of \$29,250. It was discussed that the area could be patched with asphalt in the interim until the construction is done. After that time, the long-term planning concrete would be implemented.

Phillips will reach out to Hess to find out when they will be conducting the rest of their assessment of the planter irrigation system. There are a number of damaged planters that need to be discussed when the weather breaks.

Worthington found two of the BID garbage receptacle lids where they should not be. Adamsky said the lid by his office is missing, but Worthington is not sure where the other one belongs.

Leaf & Snow Removal: There was no report.

Flowers: There was no report.

Trees: There was no report.

Long-Term Planning: Kaminski reported that the committee met for a few hours last week with Hitchcock Design and they are getting a schematic design that will be ready to present soon. There will be different designs according to the level of foot traffic including concrete sidewalks with modified landscaping and more design enhancements on the cross streets. There was also talk about expansion of the BID to the East and West. There was no discussion to re-incorporate the Court House and County Complex area.

There was a lot of good feedback about phasing out all the planters and instead have large potted plants on the corners and low landscaping on the mid-blocks.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

Adjournment/Next Meeting

There being no further business, Worthington entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m. and Ward seconded. The next board meeting will be April 10, 2023. ***If unable to attend this meeting, please contact Thaddeus Cutler by email at thaddeus@thaddeusc.com***

Respectfully submitted by: Lindsay Kneifel