

City of La Porte Business Improvement District
City Hall
La Porte, IN 46350
October 10, 2023

President Thaddeus Cutler called the October 10, 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: Robin Clark, Thaddeus Cutler, Courtney Dickman, Jessica Granger, Jim Kaminski, John Spiggle, Lizz Ward, Clinton Worthington, Tommy Viere

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brad Adamsky

GUESTS PRESENT: Laura Cutler, Amy Feikes, David Heinold, Charity Hlavsa, Roscoe Hoffman, JT McDermott, Craig Phillips

MINUTES: President Cutler asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made on the August 14 and September 11 minutes. Worthington made a motion to approve the August 14 and September 11 meeting minutes and Clark seconded. Motion passed.

GUEST COMMENTS: No guest comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Spiggle reported the BID received insurance proceeds of \$4,120 for the planter damage at the southeast corner of Michigan and Lincolnway and \$8,620 in July for the planter at the southeast corner of State and Clay. Interest income was received in the amount of \$231.47. The BID brought \$4,351 in and spent \$5,927.94 last month. There is \$116,815 in the bank and there is \$43,849 left to spend.

There was one voucher for Feikes in the amount of \$500 a week for downtown maintenance from September 11 through October 9 totaling \$2,500. Ward motioned to approve the voucher as presented, Worthington seconded. Motion passed.

Maintenance: Phillips talked about the removal of the planter at Lincolnway and Michigan and repair State and Clay. He still needs a quote for the electrical portion of removal. Ward motioned to spend up to \$7,500 for the removal of the planter at Lincolnway and Michigan and up to \$8,620 for the planter at State and Clay.

Phillips has been working to pursue the condition of the irrigation system. Once the new control box was programmed and initiated, it was found that most of the system is not working. All 84 stations were tested and only 10 stations are getting enough electricity to operate. Of the 10, one is a planter at the southwest corner of Jefferson and Monroe and the rest are tree wells and lawn sprinklers. This is due to work done by INDOT when they replaced the crosswalks when they cut off everything North of Lincolnway, from the damage done when the Low's Building collapsed, and from work done on Michigan and Maple. It is possible to repair some of the lines, but the cost would be much more than the \$535.15 a week to continue to water the planters. Spiggle made a motion to salvage as much cost as the board can on the control box and equipment, Viere seconded. Motion passed,

Phillips also said he is looking into the removal of the one planter that works and a couple on State.

Leaf & Snow Removal: There was no report.

Flowers: There was no report. Spiggle mentioned Perennials Galore dropped off a quote for 500 bags of soil. The board has already agreed to forego the extra soil.

Trees: There was no report.

Long-Term Planning: Kaminski identified the next steps of the plan is to use the next five years to work on the question of are we renewing the BID, what the district will look like, raising the levee, and what the numbers would look like moving forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

The downtown trick or treat is on Saturday, October 14 from 12-2 p.m.

Adjournment/Next Meeting

There being no further business, Worthington entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. and Ward seconded. The next board meeting will be November 13, 2023. ***If unable to attend this meeting, please contact Thaddeus Cutler by email at thaddeus@thaddeusc.com***

Respectfully submitted by: Lindsay Kneifel