

**City of La Porte Business Improvement District**  
**City Hall**  
**La Porte, IN 46350**  
**May 13, 2024**

President Ward called the May 13, 2024 meeting of the City of La Porte Business Improvement District Board to order at 5:06 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, Vice-President Robin Clark, Jim Kaminski, John Spiggle, President Lizz Ward, Clinton Worthington, Tommy Viere

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tu Bloom, Courtney Dickman

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Amy Feikes, Charity Hlavsa, Tucker King, Craig Phillips, Pattie Pierson

**MINUTES:** President Ward asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made on the April 18 minutes. There was a correction that Adamsky and Viere were absent from the meeting. Worthington made a motion to approve the April 18 meeting minutes with corrections and Clark seconded. Motion carried.

**GUEST COMMENTS:** Amy Feikes has put a quote together for the trash receptacle lid replacements. A complete rebuild would involve a double layer of ½” plywood for the base, 1 ½” cedar for the top, everything would be painted black with a hole cut in the middle to match the current receptacle style and the price would be \$295/lid. She did find one lid at the street department, but she is unsure if it is the same. There are three lids that need to be replaced. Adamsky motioned to approve the three lid replacements and Viere seconded. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance:** Spiggle reported the BID received \$260.75 in interest last month. There is \$95,802.84 left in the budget for 2024. An allocation from taxes should be received in 6-8 weeks. Worthington motioned to approve the treasurers report and Adamsky seconded.

There were two claims. The first was from Emcor-Hyre for the replacement of a light pole near Flag Star Bank. The insurance check has already been received in the amount of \$8,950. There were also four invoices for downtown maintenance from Mofield for the dates of April 22<sup>nd</sup>, April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup>. The total for the invoices comes to \$10,950. Adamsky motioned to approve the claims as presented and Clark seconded. Motion carried.

**Maintenance:** Phillips told the board there was a request from Mandy Krickhahn and Councilwoman West for the repair of outlets in the La Stitch area. King and Novak looked at the basic 110 outlets and they tested the outlets in the tree wells and planters from Bennett’s on State Street to Lincolnway. There are 2 non-working outlets in the planters, 1 tree well outlet missing, and 5 in the tree wells that are not working. There was a question about the electrical lines in the planters as to whether they had been cut during previous work. King has reached out to Stephani for a quote on the work. Spiggle motioned to repair the outlets on Monroe Street, but not to exceed \$2,000 total and Kaminski seconded. Motion carried.

Phillips wants to get a quote from Paul's Construction for paver repair. President Ward asked if everyone could look at the blocks they live/work on and report any areas that need work.

Phillips has received correspondence from the management company of the Rumely Hotel addressing the issues with the pavers in front of their building and there is a missing tree grate. He mentioned the board held an emergency vote earlier this year to fix a tree problem, but the pavers are currently a tripping hazard. Clark suggested putting in concrete instead of pavers since it is a tripping hazard. Adamsky and Kaminski advised the tree grate should not be a liability issue. It was determined that the sidewalk curbs are not part of the BID. Clark also suggested that any pavers that can be saved from the project should be preserved for other areas.

Phillips will get a quote from Paul's Construction and Pavey's Excavating and send both companies the long-term design packet so they can understand what the BID is working towards.

**Leaf & Snow Removal:** There was no report.

**Flowers:** Ward reported that she spoke to Perennials Galore. They are going to begin weeding next week. The weeds are worse than in the past because the dirt was not replaced in the fall. They also need a list of planters that will possibly be removed to determine if they should skip them this year.

**Trees:** Tucker King talked to the board about how to get the BID integrated into the current process for tree removal. This includes the online application process and how the requests are handled whether they are approved or not. The BID would be included in the process after the arborist is contacted so the board can review and approve or deny the requests in the district. The account will be set up under Craig Phillips.

**Long-Term Planning:** Kaminski reported that Phillips is working with Hitchcock Design to submit RFPs to the city to pick an alley for the test block.

There are two new TIF districts: Boyd Boulevard TIF and 39 N TIF. The revenues from the new districts paired with the TIF revenue of the old hospital property can help the city begin planning on how much can be bonded for streetscape design. He also recommended the board set a target of 2026 to recommend to the council if BID continues. The board expires in 2029.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:**

There were no announcements/observations.

### **Adjournment/Next Meeting**

There being no further business, Adamsky entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Kaminski seconded. The next board meeting will be on June 10, 2024. ***If unable to attend this meeting, please contact Lizz Ward by email at lizzward@gmail.com***

*Respectfully submitted by: Lindsay Kneifel*