



REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
801 MICHIGAN AVENUE  
LA PORTE, INDIANA 46350

**Redevelopment Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 29, 2024  
5:15 PM**

A meeting of the City of La Porte Redevelopment Commission ("Commission"), was held at City Hall on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at the hour of 5:15 PM, ("local time"), pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Commission and the Indiana Open Door Law.

The meeting was called to order by President Brian Chalik at 5:15 PM.

On a call of the roll, the members of the Commission were shown to be present or absent as follows:

**Members Present:** Mr. Brian Chalik, Mr. Damon Gasaway, Mr. JT McDermott, Mrs. Betsy Kabelin Parkison, and Ms. Jenna Francesconi.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Guests Present:** Mr. Matthew Hagenow, Councilman Tim Franke, Mr. Bert Cook, Mr. Craig Phillips, Mr. Nick Minich, Mr. Jim Arnold and Mr. Roscoe Hoffman.

**Public Comment:** Jim Arnold, La Porte School Corporation RDC Liaison, introduced himself to the board members and looks forward to working with the RDC.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by JT McDermott to approve the meeting minutes from the regular April 24th, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Jenna Francesconi. The motion passed 5-0.

**Claims:** A motion was made by JT McDermott to approve the May 29th, 2024 Claim Docket and seconded by Damon Gasaway. The motion passed 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Approval of NewPorte Landing Design Services – Bert Cook explained the request for approval of design services for the proposed dental office at 131 N. Madison St. to cover the redesign cost to reconfigure the site plan around the NIPSCO utility switchgear in the amount of \$11,117.00 that will be paid by the City of La Porte Engineering Department budget. JT McDermott made a motion to **approve the NewPorte Landing Design Services proposal in the amount of \$11,117.00** and the motion was seconded by Jenna Francesconi. The motion passed 5-0.
- B. NewPorte Landing Real Estate Purchase Agreement – Bert Cook explained the NewPorte Landing Real Estate Purchase Agreement for a 0.8 acre property located along North Madison Street to Grand Heritage Federal Credit Union. JT McDermott made a motion to **approve the NewPorte**

**Landing Real Estate Purchase Agreement** and the motion was seconded by Jenna Francesconi.  
The motion passed 5-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- A. Downtown Alleys Hitchcock Design Group Proposal – Craig explained that he does not have an update on this item, but may have an update at the next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Damon Gasaway moved to adjourn the meeting; Jenna Francesconi seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 PM.



Brian Chalik, President



JT McDermott, Secretary