

City of La Porte Business Improvement District
City Hall
La Porte, IN 46350
June 10, 2024

President Ward called the June 10, 2024 meeting of the City of La Porte Business Improvement District Board to order at 5:02 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, Tu Bloom, Vice-President Robin Clark, Jim Kaminski, John Spiggle, President Lizz Ward, Clinton Worthington, Tommy Viere

MEMBERS ABSENT: Courtney Dickman, Pattie Pierson

GUESTS PRESENT: Amy Feikes, Charity Hlavsa, Craig Phillips, Councilwoman Julie West

MINUTES: President Ward asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made on the May 13 minutes. Worthington made a motion to approve the May 13 meeting minutes and Viere seconded. Motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS: There were no comments from guests.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Spiggle reported the BID received \$16,548 for insurance reimbursement, but it is unclear what properties or claims it is tied to. Phillips said he believes it could be related to the planter at State and Clay or the Northwest corner of Indiana and Lincolnway. He also mentioned that an insurance reimbursement should be received soon for the planter in front of the courthouse. The BID also received \$212.56 in interest last month. There is \$79,352.84 left in the budget for 2024.

There were four claims. The first was for Kneifel at \$250 for 5 months. The second from perennials galore for planting and maintenance at \$35,000. The third and fourth were from Feikes for weekly downtown maintenance for 2 months totaling \$5,000 and watering planters from May 24 to today for a total of \$1,583. Worthington motioned to approve the claims as presented, Adamsky seconded. Motion carried.

Maintenance: Phillips had one request for repair. The board received a copy of a quote to repair the cap of a planter at the southwest corner of Lincolnway and Monroe from Lafeber & Sons Masonry, LLC. in the amount of \$1,500. Adamsky motioned to approve the quote, Clark seconded. Motion carried.

Repairs to the planter in front of the courthouse are finished, but the city is still working on insurance details.

Phillips gave the board a copy of the inventory on the blocks in the BID where the pavers need repair. When the map was discussed, President Ward mentioned that the areas along Monroe and the Rumely should be made a priority. Phillips will share the estimates from Paul's Construction with the board when they come in.

A map was also provided by President Ward that indicates areas in red that are the worst areas in the BID.

Phillips notified the board that Batchelor is in contact with the Rumely since the complaint about the pavers came to the city, not the BID.

Viere said in front of Lows Point, a semi with a cargo container pulled a light pole off the base when it hit the banner rod. He is concerned about how stable the pole is. Phillips will look into insurance.

Leaf & Snow Removal: There was no report.

Flowers: Ward reported the flowers have been planted. They did need to add more soil than in the past and that will be added to a future invoice.

Phillips said he was asked if potato vine has been planted this year. Tu Bloom confirmed they have two varieties that have been installed this year.

Trees: There was no report or update on the tree removal process Tucker King presented last month.

Long-Term Planning: Kaminski asked Phillips if a decision has been made about the test block. Phillips still needs to go in front of the Redevelopment Commission, but he did say the test block will not be on Lincolnway.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

Viere mentioned missing bricks in front of Downtown Delights by the ramp and areas around light poles sinking.

Courtney Dickman had her baby!

Adjournment/Next Meeting

There being no further business, Worthington entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Kaminski seconded. The next board meeting will be on July 8, 2024. ***If unable to attend this meeting, please contact Lizz Ward by email at lizzward@gmail.com***

Respectfully submitted by: Lindsay Kneifel