

City of La Porte Business Improvement District
City Hall
La Porte, IN 46350
July 8, 2024

Vice-President Clark called the July 8, 2024 meeting of the City of La Porte Business Improvement District Board to order at 5:04 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, Patti Pierson, Clinton Worthington, Tommy Viere

MEMBERS ABSENT: Courtney Dickman, Jim Kaminski, John Spiggle, President Lizz Ward

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

MINUTES: Vice-President Clark asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made on the June 10 minutes. Adamsky made a motion to approve the June 10 meeting minutes and Worthington seconded. Motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS: There were no comments from guests.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Spiggle was not present, but Vice-President Clark reviewed the financial report.

There were multiple claims to review. The first batch was for Mofield Property Service in the amounts of \$330 for repairs to the benches and trash receptacles, 4 weeks of sidewalk maintenance totaling \$2,000, and 7 planter waterings in the amount of \$3,638.25. The remaining claims were for Stephani Electric in the amount of \$1,353.02 and Perennials Galore for extra dirt in the amount of \$135.92. There was also a claim from Kabelin Ace Hardware, but it was unclear if it is for BID in the amount of \$71.12 for plumbing parts that could be reimbursement to the water department. Phillips also received a claim for the repair of a planter at the Southwest corner of Monroe and Lincolnway from Lefebber and Sons that was previously approved. That brought the total of claims to \$10,528.31. Adamsky motioned to accept the claims subject to Phillips confirming the voucher from Kabelin, Worthington seconded. Motion carried.

Maintenance: Phillips provided the board with a packet quote from Paul's Construction for paver repairs throughout the BID. He suggested taking immediate action in some areas where the pavers were the most damaged including in front of Smutzer's Bar (\$3,500), behind Mr. Mattress on Clay near the alley (\$4,200), tree roots popping up in front of Flagstar Bank across from Bon Viet (\$4,500), the Heritage Center (\$28,000), and the Rumely (multiple ranging from \$1,600-\$6,500). There is also an area at the Northwest corner of Monroe and Jefferson that could result in a cave-in (\$4,500). Viere asked if the state is responsible for repairs on Monroe and Phillips said he will try to talk to the state. He is also waiting on a quote for concrete instead of pavers.

Viere agreed some areas might be better served by concrete so Phillips will plan on an emergency vote once he gets the quote for concrete.

Leaf & Snow Removal: There was no report.

Flowers: There was no report.

Trees: Adamsky mentioned there was an email sent for an emergency vote to remove trees earlier this month. Viere asked about the process to replace trees. Phillips said there are grants that cover native plant species that are appropriate for street trees.

Long-Term Planning: Phillips reported the Redevelopment Commission approved the contract with Hitchcock Design Group to provide a design for a prototypical alley segment. Once done, they will decide which block they would like to test for the alley and street scape block. Funding should be available next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

There were no announcements or observations.

Adjournment/Next Meeting

There being no further business, Viere motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Worthington seconded. The next board meeting will be on August 12, 2024. *If unable to attend this meeting, please contact Lizz Ward by email at lizzward@gmail.com*

Respectfully submitted by: Lindsay Kneifel