

**City of La Porte Business Improvement District**  
**City Hall**  
**La Porte, IN 46350**  
**August 12, 2024**

President Ward called the August 12, 2024 meeting of the City of La Porte Business Improvement District Board to order at 5:01 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, Patti Pierson, Clinton Worthington, Tommy Viere, President Lizz Ward

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tu Bloom, Courtney Dickman, Jim Kaminski, John Spiggle

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Charity Hlavsa, Roscoe Hoffman, Jamie Novak, Craig Phillips, Councilwoman Julie West

**MINUTES:** President Ward asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made on the July 8 minutes. Adamsky made a motion to approve the July 8 meeting minutes and Viere seconded. Motion carried.

**GUEST COMMENTS:** There were no comments from guests.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance:** Spiggle was not present, but Adamsky reviewed the financial report and shared the monthly statement with the board. There was an insurance payment of \$7,800 for the planter at Lincolnway and Indiana Avenue. There is \$126,779.41 remaining in the balance. Vice-President Clark motioned to approve the financial report, Adamsky seconded. Motion carried.

There were three claims. The first was for repairs to the planter at the corner of Lincolnway and Indiana Avenue in the amount of \$6,800. The second claim was for Mofield Properties for three weekly sidewalk maintenance dates at \$500 each totaling \$1,500. The third claim was also to Mofield Properties for watering the planters three times at \$519.75 each totaling \$1,559.25. Vice-President Clark motioned to accept the claims, Worthington seconded. Motion carried.

Adamsky presented the yearly budget for approval. The only changes were for Mofield Properties. The funds were moved to a line item that would allow the board to pay a vendor instead of a maintenance employee. Adamsky motioned to approve the budget as presented, Worthington seconded. Motion carried.

**Maintenance:** Phillips gave an update on the requested estimates from Paul's Construction for three locations where poured concrete might be an option instead of pavers. Phillips provided a printout of all the areas that need maintenance with the updated pricing. Block two proved to show pavers being the less expensive option at \$22,000 versus \$36,360 for concrete. Block 14 also proved to show the pavers being the less expensive option at \$3,200 versus \$4,600 for concrete. Block 17 proved to show the poured concrete to be less expensive at \$4,100 versus \$4,500 for pavers. It was decided the most critical areas are on blocks 1, 2, 7, 8, 14, 17 and in front of the Rumely on block 5. After discussion, Viere motioned to move forward with block 7 item 2 with pavers, block 8 item 2, block 14 item 1 with pavers, block 17 item 1 in concrete, and wait to approve the Rumely work until an appropriation is granted which would total \$32,500. Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Phillips would like the city forester to talk to the board about the assessment he did that marked most of the downtown trees for removal and what type of trees the replacement will be.

There was another planter damaged at Michigan and Lincolnway that is under investigation. Clark mentioned the planter outside City Hall is also damaged and the cap is overhanging. Novak is working on insurance for this planter. It was mentioned that she will be transitioning to be the staff liaison to the BID instead of Phillips beginning in October. Phillips will still focus on the long-term plan.

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

**Flowers:** Ward reported the flowers look great. The watering schedule is being determined by weather instead of on a strict three days a week schedule.

**Trees:** There was no report for trees.

**Long-Term Planning:** Phillips reported the committee is still working on the test alley and block.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:**

### **Adjournment/Next Meeting**

There being no further business, Worthington entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m. Viera seconded. The next board meeting will be on September 9, 2024. *If unable to attend this meeting, please contact Lizz Ward by email at [lizzward@gmail.com](mailto:lizzward@gmail.com)*

*Respectfully submitted by: Lindsay Kneifel*