

**City of La Porte Business Improvement District**  
**City Hall**  
**La Porte, IN 46350**  
**February 10, 2025**

President Ward called the February 10, 2025 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, Courtney Dickman, Hannah Dunham, President Lizz Ward, Clinton Worthington

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tu Bloom, Patti Pierson, John Spiggle, Tommy Viere

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Jamie Buchanan, Jamie Novak

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

**GUEST COMMENTS:** Jamie Buchanan of the Pax Center spoke about the current projects offered by the Pax Center and the proposed partnership between the Pax Center and the City of La Porte for the State Street Garden Walk project that would encompass the planters on Clay Street and two planters on Jackson Street. The Pax Center would be responsible for the plants and volunteers including any maintenance that would be needed inside the planters. She also mentioned a grant they are looking at and they are ready to begin. President Ward notified the board that she spoke to one of the business owners and they were concerned about tomatoes and parking for volunteers during business hours. She also mentioned the BID will not be funding the planters as in the past, but the City's insurance will still cover any damages. Novak notified the board that the watering truck will still be taking care of the planters involved in the project.

President Ward also notified the board that she will need to get an updated quote from Perennials Galore for the planters on State Street that are not being used for the Garden Walk project. Adamsky motioned to approve partnering with the Pax Center and letting them maintain the 9 planters on State Street for their Garden Walk project, Dickman seconded. Motion carried.

Feikes presented a proposal for summer maintenance at 15 hours per week totaling \$500. Adamsky motioned to approve the contract and Worthington seconded. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance:** Spiggle presented

Spiggle reported there were three claims this month. The first was for

**Maintenance:** Novak spoke to the board about the clock outside of city hall as the time is not correct on one side. Per the agreement with the City of La Porte, the clock is part of the BID's maintenance.

**Leaf & Snow Removal:** There was no report. Feikes notified the board that there is an invoice from January 15<sup>th</sup> for snow removal. She will be emailing President Ward and Spiggle from now on until he returns. Feikes

presented the invoice that totaled \$2,610 for snow removal. Worthington motioned to approve the claim and Adamsky seconded. Motion carried. The board will still need to wait for a claim to be filled out.

**Flowers:** Ward gave everyone a map that showed how the planters will be different for 2025. All Lincolnway and Monroe Street are going to have a full set of flowers, the side streets will have less flowers and more sweet potato plants, and the flat flower beds will have some trial plant types.

**Trees:** There was no report. Novak mentioned at the Small Business Roundtable; she had a business owner approach her with a question regarding trees on Jefferson by city hall that were getting a little too close to the buildings. Novak asked the board if they would agree to have the city crew trim them back. She will investigate if the trees are in the area that would be covered by the tree grant.

**Long-Term Planning:** Novak, Phillips, and Mayor Dermody were part of the agenda for the last Small Business Roundtable presented by LEAP in city hall chambers on January 28<sup>th</sup> to speak about the long-term plan and what the Business Improvement District is and does.

**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 5:27 p.m. and Dickman seconded. The next board meeting will be on March 10, 2025. ***If unable to attend this meeting, please contact Lizz Ward by email at lizzward@gmail.com***

*Respectfully submitted by: Lindsay Kneifel*