City of La Porte Business Improvement District
City Hall
La Porte, IN 46350
August 11, 2025

President Ward called the August 11, 2025, meeting of the City of La Porte Business Improvement District Board to order at 5:12 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: Vice-President Robin Clark, Courtney Dickman, Hannah Dunham, Patti Pierson, Tommy Viere, President Lizz Ward, Clinton Worthington

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brad Adamsky, Tu Bloom, John Spiggle

GUESTS PRESENT: Amy Feikes, Charity Hlavsa, Jamie Novak, Sierra Sue Jesch

MINUTES: President Ward asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made on the July 14th minutes. Worthington motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Clark seconded. Motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS: Sierra-Sue Jesch raised her concern that more benches have been removed from the downtown. She suggested re-orienting the benches to the side of the sidewalk closest to the street, so they are facing the buildings. She also raised concerns about the planter in front of the Rumely apartments. When she parks in the spot second from the right, she must walk into the street to get out of her car.

Charity Hlavsa notified the board that the mural on her building will be on August 22nd at noon. There will be signed prints, mural merchandise on sale for 20% off and if you take a photo of yourself in front of the mural and tag HotSpot on your socials, you will receive a discount. Hilltop Bar will provide beverages and food from a few local eateries will also be provided. Blue Sky Music will be playing a fundraiser at noon in Plaza 618 for Arts in the Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Spiggle was not present.

There were two claims. The first was for Mofield Properties for watering planters totaling $2,560 for July 2nd through 18th and the second was for sidewalk maintenance totaling $2,000 from July 7th through 28th. The total for the invoices in July was $4,560. Worthington motioned to approve the claims as presented and Clark seconded. Motion carried.

Maintenance: Novak told the board that the street department put cones on the sidewalk near Zelden's Shoe Store to temporarily fix the spot where the tree roots are causing the pavers to pop up. Minich talked about putting in a pilot storm tree there to fix the pavers. This would be partially funded by the wastewater department as well as funds Minich has secured. She said no money would come from the BID.

The board received a request to remove a bench near Jackson Street by Flagstar Bank. It is in disrepair and needs to be moved before someone gets hurt. Novak spoke to the La Porte High School Building Trades class to see if they could fix things through their 1st year class. This would include the tops and slats of the trash receptacles and the benches. Novak said she will get an estimate for materials, and the bench will be removed until it is repaired. Worthington motioned to approve the removal and Clark seconded. Motion carried.

Leaf & Snow Removal: There was no report.

Flowers: Ward reported the sunflowers are blooming.

Trees: There was no report.

Long-Term Planning: There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OBSERVATIONS: Worthington mentioned he has a showcase at Burn 'Em on Friday.

Adjournment/Next Meeting

There being no further business, Worthington entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m. and Clark seconded. The next board meeting will be on September 8, 2025. ***If unable to attend this meeting, please contact Lizz Ward by email at lizzward@gmail.com***

Respectfully submitted by: Lindsay Kneifel