City of La Porte Business Improvement District
City Hall
La Porte, IN 46350
May 11, 2026

President Ward called the May 11, 2026, meeting of the City of La Porte Business Improvement District Board to order at 5:10 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: President Lizz Ward, Vice-President Robin Clark, Brad Adamsky, Rachel Doty, Charity Hlavsa, John Spiggle

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jamie Williams, Clinton Worthington

GUESTS PRESENT: Jessica Granger, Jamie Novak, Julie West, Dean White

MINUTES: President Ward asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made on the March 9 minutes. Clark motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Hlavsa seconded. Motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS: Dean White made a complaint and asked for more action with the leaf removal in the fall due to an issue clogging the drains, specifically citing the corner of Monroe and Lincolnway.
He also mentioned there is a lamp post on the corner that was hit by truck. It is broken at the base and there are wires sticking out. The light still needs to be replaced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Spiggle gave the financial report. The board has collected interest in the amount of $369.98 so far this year. February was a heavy month for snow removal. No disbursements for April. The board started the year with $111,000 and $68,000 is left. There will be a draw on property tax late June, early July. Spiggle reported if things stay the same, the board can maybe stretch through 2027.

Hlavsa motioned to approve the treasurer's report as presented and Adamsky seconded. Motion passed.

There was an e-vote for MP Lawncare and Perennials Galore due to not having a meeting in April. There were four claims from MP Lawncare in the amount of $1,904 for services on 4/20 /4/23, 4/30 and 5/4. The contract states "Contract Price per service, $476.

Consists of weekly mowing services in the designated areas that were agreed, cut between 3.25 - 3.50 inches. Curbs, sidewalks, trees, building edges, poles, etc. will be trimmed with a weed-eater. Sidewalks blown off after every lawn cutting service (Blown down twice weekly Monday and Friday unless holiday or weather related).

There is a discrepancy between the "per service" price. Frequency last year was blowing the sidewalk twice a week and mowing once a week. Novak asked for a motion to cut down to one mowing and one leaf blowing per week. MP said to schedule a special cleaning would be at the $476 price.

Adamsky motioned to approve the claims as presented and cut down to one service per week and Hlavsa seconded. Motion carried.

Maintenance: Councilwoman West asked a question about the BID maintenance. If they blow trash into the street, are they responsible to pick that up? President Ward affirmed that is their responsibility.

Snow Removal: There was no report.

Flowers: Ward reported flowers will be planted around Memorial Day. With construction on Indiana, that will affect how things are planted this year.

Trees: Adamsky asked if you see trees that need removal, please report them through the city website. Clark mentioned that it seems that at least one tree is dead per block. Novak mentioned that the board needs to think of what to do when the trees are removed since the Callery Pear trees are an invasive species. She suggested a side meeting to decide as a board.

Long-Term Planning: There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Hlavsa announced Cousin's Maine Lobster will be back on Father's Day from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. outside HotSpot Café.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

Adjournment/Next Meeting

There being no further business, Clark entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m. The next board meeting will be on June 8, 2026. ***If unable to attend this meeting, please contact Lizz Ward by email at lizzward@gmail.com***

Respectfully submitted by: Lindsay Kneifel