

City of La Porte Business Improvement District
City Hall
La Porte, IN 46350
April 11, 2022

President Thaddeus Cutler called the April 11, 2022 meeting of the City of La Porte Business Improvement District Board to order at 5:05 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, Robin Clark, Thaddeus Cutler, Jim Kaminski, Erica Kanney, Dawn Melchiorre, Lizz Ward, Clinton Worthington

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jessica Granger, John Spiggle,

GUESTS PRESENT: Laura Cutler, Amy Feikes, Charity Hlavsa, Craig Phillips

MINUTES: President Cutler asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made on the March 14 minutes. There being no corrections, Worthington made a motion to approve the March 14 meeting minutes and Clark seconded. There being no further discussion; motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS: There were no comments from guests.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Spiggle was not present but there were four claims. The first was past due from Emcor Hyer for the repair of outlets for Christmas lights in the amount of 8,076.10. There was a question about a quote for a streetlight not working in the amount of \$192. Adamsky motioned to approve the payment contingent on if it is actually the BID's responsibility and Clark seconded. The third was from Paul's Construction for emergency paver repair at 715 Lincolnway in the amount of \$4,400. The last claim was from Mofield Properties for the summer maintenance program in the amount of \$500. Adamsky motioned to approve the remaining claims and Clark seconded. There being no discussion, motion passed.

There were also two interest payments from January and February and a payment for snow removal.

Maintenance: Phillips mentioned that he told the owner of Trattoria Enzo that his concerns are on the list and will be dealt with.

President Cutler said paver replacement will be a big project this year and he could reinstate the "Rickety Brick Committee" if that would help.

Leaf & Snow Removal: There was no report.

Flowers: Perennials Galore is looking at end of May for planting. Craig announced he was meeting with Wisco regarding the irrigation system on April 15.

Replaced the top of the planter at Monroe and Lincolnway and it has been hit again. This is the planter that houses most of the infrastructure for the rest of the planters. Ward commented that the BID talked before about taking part of the planter down if it is a continual problem. Phillips will see what the inspection reveals and the board will talk about the planter's future. It was pointed out that the planter is protecting the building from

getting hit instead. Phillips suggested some decorative bollards in place of the planter. He will ask Minich his opinion on the bollards and ask if he has drawings for the irrigation system.

There are two planters that are damaged, the first is in front of T-Berry's on the corner of Jackson and Lincolnway and the other is at Monroe and Lincolnway. It was decided to take the planters case by case once the quotes for repair/removal are received.

Trees: Phillips asked what should be done about the stumps left from the trees that have been cut down. Ward recommended capping the irrigation in the tree wells when Wisco does their inspection. Feikes mentioned that on Jefferson, Michigan and Monroe the tree wells pool water and moss grows. Chip Steffey also had a complaint about the tree wells in front of Trattoria Enzo and loose wires on the ground.

Kaminski added that last year he brought up that the electrical boxes are in bad shape, and they should be taken out. Stephani Electric quoted the project at \$8,000 for the whole project. Phillips suggested having Feikes cut the stumps down to the ground to make the area look better. Adamsky suggested having the electric taken out before the stumps are dealt with.

Long-Term Planning: Kaminski reported the committee will meet in May and he will report back to the BID.

Betsy Kabelin-Parkison from the redevelopment commission will be joining the committee.

There is a meeting on Wednesday morning at The Exchange regarding the future of the streetscape.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

There were no announcements.

Adjournment/Next Meeting

There being no further business, Adamsky entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m. and Worthington seconded. The next board meeting will be May 9, 2022. ***If unable to attend this meeting, please contact Thaddeus Cutler by email at thaddeus@thaddeusc.com***

Respectfully submitted by: Lindsay Jongkind