

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

President Thaddeus Cutler called the October 11, 2022 meeting of the City of La Porte Business Improvement District Board to order at 5:07 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, John Spiggle, Clinton Worthington

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brad Adamsky, Jessica Granger, Lizz Ward

GUESTS PRESENT: Amy Feikes, Jamie Novak, Craig Phillips

MINUTES: President Cutler asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made on the September 12 minutes. Worthington made a motion to approve the September 12 meeting minutes and Kaminski seconded. There being no further discussion; motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS: Amy Feikes gave a report on the trash receptacle and park bench discussion from last month. The Street Department gave her one of each and her team sanded them, painted the metal part and stained the boards. The price to put either item together is \$400 each. There is an abundance of extra wood sitting at the Street Department that could be used for this project. Phillips estimated there are 70 trash receptacles and 50 benches that need repaired. Feikes estimates the timeframe for each piece to be about 4 hours of sanding, 1 hour of painting and 1 hour of disassembly and reassembly.

Phillips suggested repairing the ones on Lincolnway and Indiana to take care of the most visible benches and trash receptacles. Kaminski suggested tabling the conversation until next month when Phillips will look at what pieces need the most work and the board can make a decision based on those results.

Feikes also mentioned there is an issue of dog waste on the sidewalks on Lincolnway.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Spiggle reported \$65 in interest in August and \$80 in September. An insurance check for \$3,840 was also received in September. \$4,000 total was received in August and September. For expenses, repairs and maintenance/sidewalks total \$12,080 in August and \$68,360 in September, there was irrigation work for \$1,800, and Christmas décor for \$5,000. Total spent was \$87,000. There is \$118,933 left in cash and about \$70,000 left in budget, but we also have our insurance proceeds of \$6,540 that can be added to that.

There were two claims; Jongkind in the amount of \$200 for secretarial services and Mofield Properties that include 3 weekly maintenance jobs at \$1,500 total. Total for claims is \$1,700. Kaminski motioned to accept the claims as presented and Clark seconded There being no further discussion; motion passed.

Maintenance: Phillips reported the planter at Madison and Lincolnway that was hit by an employee at Kolar Roofing will be paid for by the company. Tim Kolar suggested a different method of repair and after reaching out to the original builder of the planters, they received a quote of \$600 to patch the planter. There are a few other locations where the corner is chipped to consider in the future. Phillips will give him the location of a

few other planters to look into for alternative repair methods. Spiggle made a motion to approve the \$600 and give a quote for the other planters and Worthington seconded.

Hess Irrigation has begun work on the irrigation system. They will continue their work this Friday. They are also looking into other options to help the system run better and more efficiently such as bypassing the trees.

Leaf & Snow Removal: There was no report.

Flowers: Ward was not present. The flowers were removed.

Trees: There was no report.

Long-Term Planning: Kaminski reported they are hoping next month to dedicate most of the meeting for the planning presentation that includes what options the subcommittee is looking at for the Monroe streetscape.

Some of the Redevelopment Commission contract money the BID put towards the parking on Monroe will be put into the development of a pattern book for Monroe Landing.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

There were no announcements/observations.

Adjournment/Next Meeting

There being no further business, Worthington entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m. The next board meeting will be November 14, 2022. *If unable to attend this meeting, please contact Thaddeus Cutler by email at thaddeus@thaddeusc.com*

Respectfully submitted by: Lindsay Jongkind