

**City of La Porte Business Improvement District**  
**City Hall**  
**La Porte, IN 46350**  
**May 8, 2023**

President Thaddeus Cutler called the May 8, 2023 meeting of the City of La Porte Business Improvement District Board to order at 5:09 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:** Thaddeus Cutler, John Spiggle, Clinton Worthington, Lizz Ward, Jessica Granger, Tommy Viere.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brad Adamsky, Robin Clark, Courtney Dickman, Jim Kaminski

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Amy Feikes, Craig Phillips

**MINUTES:** President Cutler noted that there were no minutes to present due to a need to find someone new to draft them. Phillips indicated he is still working on finding a replacement for Lindsay.

**GUEST COMMENTS:**  
There were no guest comments.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance:** Spiggle reported \$142.94 in interest revenue in April. \$1,000.00 total was paid in April for expenses. For expenses, repairs and maintenance/sidewalks total \$1,000.00 in April. Total spent was \$1,000. There is \$121,838.22 left in cash and about \$114,000 left in budget.

There were two claims; Jongkind in the amount of \$200 for secretarial services for 4 months and Mofield Properties that include 4 weekly maintenance jobs at \$2,000 total. Total for claims is \$2,200.00. Ward motioned to accept the claims as presented and Worthington seconded There being no further discussion; motion passed 6-0.

**Maintenance:** Phillips reported that he received a request for electrical improvements for the farmers market from the new operators of the market, The Collective. The request was for repairs to the electrical outlets along Monroe St, which are currently not working. Phillips presented a proposal for repairs from Marquiss Electric for \$12,510.00 for consideration. After considerable discussion, including concerns about expending the requested amount in light of possible improvements to the streetscape in that area, Viere made a motion to deny the request which was seconded by Granger; motion passed to deny the request 6-0.

Phillips discussed the status of the irrigation system. He noted that he is still having trouble finding a contractor to conduct repairs of the irrigation system, but is working diligently to find a solution, since Hess Irrigation did not show up and has not returned repeated phone calls from him and the Water Department. It was decided that we should meet with the Water Department and a couple members of the BID Board to turn on the system and try to determine at least where the current breaks or problems and try to develop a plan of attack for repairs with the hope of finding a contractor for repairs soon.

**Leaf & Snow Removal:** There was no report.

**Flowers:** Ward noted that the flowers are scheduled to be installed the week before Memorial Day weekend.

**Trees:** There was no report.

**Long-Term Planning:** Kaminski was not present, but Phillips indicated that work continues to proceed with the streetscape plan with Hitchcock Design Group and that the committee is working to schedule a workshop in the next couple of weeks to review the progress on the plan.

**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, Viere entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 p.m. The next board meeting will be June 12, 2023. *If unable to attend this meeting, please contact Thaddeus Cutler by email at [thaddeus@thaddeusc.com](mailto:thaddeus@thaddeusc.com)*

*Respectfully submitted by: Craig Phillips*