

City of La Porte Business Improvement District
City Hall
La Porte, IN 46350
November 13, 2023

President Thaddeus Cutler called the November 13, 2023 meeting of the City of La Porte Business Improvement District Board to order at 5:00 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, Thaddeus Cutler, Jim Kaminski, John Spiggle, Lizz Ward, Clinton Worthington, Tommy Viere

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robin Clark, Courtney Dickman, Jessica Granger

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 October 10 minutes. Ward made a motion to approve the October 10 meeting minutes and Viere seconded. Motion passed.

GUEST COMMENTS: Charity Hlavsa informed the board that the Small Business Coalition will be holding a discussion on how to handle the issue of homelessness and how it affects downtown businesses on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at HotSpot Café. Nate Loucks and Lisa Pierzakowski will give guidance and solutions. The event is free to everyone.

The 11th Annual Downtown Cookie Walk will take place on December 9th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Spiggle reported interest income was received in the amount of \$201.89. There is \$114,516.49 in the bank and there is \$41,349 left to spend.

There were two voucher for Feikes in the amount of \$500 a week for downtown maintenance from October 16 through November 6 totaling \$2,000. There was also a voucher for Stephani Electric in the amount of \$175 sharing controller installation that is split six ways. Phillips mentioned that the city will be taking care of the actual voucher. Adamsky motioned to approve the voucher as presented, Ward seconded. Motion passed.

Maintenance: Phillips reported he has a request for the repair of 13 of the pole outlets at \$300 each for the purpose of snowflakes and wreaths. Emcor Hyre is installing the décor currently and will also include weather covers to extend the life of the outlets as needed. The repair will be \$3,900 total. Spiggle motioned to approve the request, Adamsky seconded. Motion passed.

Confirmation has been received from Paul's that the removal of planters discussed at earlier meetings was approved and they will be available this winter to do the work. Phillips has signed the proposal and will have them counter-sign for encumbrance next year.

The annual access fee for the controller and payment of invoice has been stopped. The supplier for the control box has also been contacted to work on reselling the device. There may be a restocking fee.

Final streetscape design and cost estimates have been forwarded to Cutler and Kaminski. The design should be available on the community planning website soon for all to view.

Leaf & Snow Removal: There was no report.

Flowers: There was no report.

Trees: Adamsky reported there was a tree cut down in front of Royale with Cheese. Phillips will find out what happened.

Long-Term Planning: Kaminski will set up a meeting with Phillips and the Mayor in January to discuss the plan further.

OLD BUSINESS:

Worthington inquired about the Sunflower Fair banners. Phillips reported they will be removed early next week coordinated with the installation of the wreaths and snowflakes.

Adamsky inquired about board terms and Councilwoman Cutler will find out who is up for renewal.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Cutler made the announcement that he will be stepping away from the BID board after this year. Elections will be discussed at the December meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

Phillips reported that the holiday snowflake swag will be hanging across Monroe Street this year.

Adjournment/Next Meeting

There being no further business, Kaminski entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. The next board meeting will be on December 11, 2023. ***If unable to attend this meeting, please contact Thaddeus Cutler by email at thaddeus@thaddeusc.com***

Respectfully submitted by: Lindsay Kneifel