

City of La Porte Business Improvement District
City Hall
La Porte, IN 46350
February 12, 2024

President Ward called the February 12, 2024 meeting of the City of La Porte Business Improvement District Board to order at 5:01 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, Vice-President Robin Clark, Courtney Dickman, President Lizz Ward, Clinton Worthington, Tommy Viere

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Kaminski, John Spiggle

GUESTS PRESENT: Amy Feikes, Charity Hlavsa, Alex Kelsey, Craig Phillips, Councilwoman Julie West

MINUTES: President Ward asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made on the January 8 minutes. Worthington made a motion to approve the January 8 meeting minutes and Viere seconded. Motion passed.

GUEST COMMENTS: Feikes presented seven invoices for the past month totaling \$14,240. They included snow removal and using the loader to pick up corners and cutouts. Adamsky motioned to accept the invoices as presented, Worthington seconded. Motion carried.

Feikes mentioned she has also put together a contract for downtown maintenance in 2024. She has not increased her rate, but if there is any maintenance to the trash receptacles, benches, etc. that is billed at an hourly rate. She also mentioned that she will have a price for watering as soon as she talks to the water department. Phillips suggested for the board to take the quote under advisement until Spiggle can be present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Spiggle was not present.

Maintenance: Phillips gave an update on the following:

Planters on Northwest and Northeast corners of the overpass and Lincolnway are processing through insurance.

Light pole at Plaza 618, received most quotes, waiting for one quote for the meter.

Planters at Michigan and Lincolnway and State and Clay. Waiting for break in weather to repair.

Leaf & Snow Removal: There was no report. Worthington did mention that there may be some snow tonight.

Flowers: President Ward spoke with Perennials Galore and they submitted the proposal. Phillips mentioned that Tu Bloom would also like to submit a bid to outfit the planters with flowers. He will research the purchasing policy regarding posting bids.

Trees: Phillips has not heard back from the city Forrester regarding the tree in front of Royale with Cheese. A conversation has been had with him about what happens when there is a tree issue within the BID.

Long-Term Planning: Kaminski was not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Aaron Sanderson at Kemp's is requesting to have the bike rack in front of their building moved. He states that it is too cluttered with a tree and light pole also in front of the building and makes snow cleanup difficult. Phillips said he will talk to Nick Minich, the city engineer. Adamsky mentioned talking to other businesses to see if there is a better location. Dickman mentioned she has had a request for a bike rack by Downtown Delights.

Adamsky asked about filling the remaining spots on the BID board. Phillips will be following up with Annette on appointments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

There were no announcements/observations.

Adjournment/Next Meeting

There being no further business, Adamsky entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 p.m. Viere seconded. The next board meeting will be on March 11, 2024. ***If unable to attend this meeting, please contact Lizz Ward by email at lizzward@gmail.com***

Respectfully submitted by: Lindsay Kneifel