City of La Porte Business Improvement District
City Hall
La Porte, IN 46350
May 12, 2025

President Ward called the May 12, 2025 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, Vice-President Robin Clark, Patti Pierson, John Spiggle, Tommy Viere, President Lizz Ward, Clinton Worthington

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tu Bloom, Courtney Dickman, Hannah Dunham

GUESTS PRESENT: Amy Feikes, Charity Hlavsa, Jamie Novak

MINUTES: President Ward asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made on the February 10th minutes and the March 10th minutes. Adamsky motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Worthington seconded. Motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS: There were no comments from guests.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Spiggle presented the financial report for January through April. He mentioned he is waiting for clarity on a few items in the report. There were a few things encumbered from 2024 that were paid in early 2025.

The BID received $7,000 in January from insurance for the planter at Lincolnway and Michigan Avenue that was hit. So far this year, the board has received $632 in interest. The board also paid Kneifel $300 for secretary services in 2024 that was not encumbered. There was also a good chunk of the $13,000 insurance repair job that was carried over from 2024. Other expenses included $11,000 for electrical outlets in January, $37,400 for sidewalk maintenance, and $5,300 for BID's portion of the insurance premium, which John stressed the board had to move $700 from maintenance to cover the increase.

There were invoices from Mofield Properties covering April and May for $500 a week totaling $2,000. Worthington motioned to approve the claims as presented and Adamsky seconded. Motion carried.

Maintenance: Novak presented the board with a packet. The first item to discuss was insurance information for the planter at the corner of Lincolnway and Michigan Avenue that was hit by an unknown person. The repair was quoted at $8,000 and was previously approved by the board, but insurance took $1,000 for the deductible. Novak asked the board to approve the extra $1,000 it requires to take the planter down to the six-inch curb planter the board previously decided on. Adamsky motioned to approve the $1,000 for repair and Worthington seconded. Motion carried.

Leaf & Snow Removal: There was no report.

Flowers: Ward said Perennials Galore is still on schedule to get things planted in a few weeks, but the flat planters are not ready for plants yet.

Trees: Adamsky reminded everyone that between the tree on Monroe and the trees on Indiana, there is a lot being removed. He stressed that the board was not just removing trees upon request without a replacement plan in place.

Long-Term Planning: Novak told the board upon thinking how to fix the issue with the electric boxes in the tree wells in La Stitch, she came up with the plan to place nine lit bollards in the tree wells, moving the electricity to the bollards and putting breakers on each one instead of fuses. The bollards would be $9,500 and the concrete filler would be $300, all supported by the UEA. This design would save the BID money in the long-term because with a breaker, there would be no need to call an electrician when there is an issue. The project already has funding so there would be no cost to the BID. Novak clarified the $600 donation for the tree that was just taken down in La Stitch would still be available for the BID to use wherever the board chooses.

Adamsky motioned to grant permission per Novak's request, clarifying the BID will be responsible for the electric and the city will be responsible for the bollard itself, and Spiggle seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OBSERVATIONS: There were no announcements or 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 on June 9, 2025. ***If unable to attend this meeting, please contact Lizz Ward by email at lizzward@gmail.com***

Respectfully submitted by: Lindsay Kneifel