City of La Porte Business Improvement District
City Hall
La Porte, IN 46350
October 14, 2025

President Ward called the October 14, 2025, meeting of the City of La Porte Business Improvement District Board to order at 5:03 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, Hannah Dunham, Patti Pierson, John Spiggle, Tommy Viere, President Lizz Ward, Clinton Worthington

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tu Bloom, Courtney Dickman

GUESTS PRESENT: Amy Feikes, Jamie Novak

MINUTES: President Ward asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made on the August 11th minutes. Worthington motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Adamsky seconded. Motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS: Amy Feikes presented two proposals for the board. The first was for fall leaf pickup at $90/hour with a not to exceed amount of $5,000. Last year there was one pickup due to timing, and it was $1,500. The second proposal was for snow removal at $147/hour for a pathway with three cutouts for 16 square blocks. This is $2 more than the past contracts. President Ward raised a concern about coordination with state referencing an issue in the past since the state snowplows have to push the snow onto the sidewalksmusts explained there is nowhere else for the snow to go and they coordinate with the street department to get the snow fully removed when possible. Worthington motioned to approve both contracts as presented and Dunham seconded. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Spiggle presented the financials for August and September. In August, $4,560 was paid out to Mofield Properties for planter waterings and sidewalk maintenance. The board brought in $176 of interest. In September, the board did not have a quorum, but the bills were not processed in time, so they will be an October expenditure. There was $123 collected in interest and there is about $96,000 in the account. There is $54,898 left to spend this year. Adamsky motioned to approve the financial report as presented and Clark seconded. Motion passed.

The only claims were for Mofield Properties in September. There were five invoices for watering planters from September 8th to September 19th for $2,560 and five weeks of sidewalk maintenance at $500/week totaling $2,500. Worthington motioned to approve the invoices as presented and Dunham seconded. Motion passed.

Spiggle also presented the BID budget for 2026. It is for $85,000 which is approximately the levy amount. Spiggle also said if they do need to spend more, they will need to go back to City Council for additional appropriation to be approved. Adamsky asked Spiggle when the best time would be to ask for the appropriation and Spiggle responded that he believes it should be after the June tax funds. Adamsky motioned to approve the 2026 BID budget and Spiggle seconded. Motion passed.

Maintenance: Novak presented the board with a packet for maintenance items. On page three, there was a tree that needed to be removed on Jefferson across the street from Fresco. It did not produce leaves this year. It is

strictly only a removal because the city cannot plant another tree in that spot. The city tree crew would remove the tree so there is no cost to the BID. Adamsky motioned to remove the tree and Spiggle seconded. Motion passed.

The street department is currently checking the electrical on the light poles for holiday decorations. Once Novak has the number of repairs, she will email quotes from three companies to get an email approval.

Leaf & Snow Removal: There was no report.

Flowers: Ward stated that there were two shallow planters the board tried out this year. The sweet potatoes were overgrown so there will be other options in the future. The board is also considering using the empty tree wells for flowers, but that is just in a discussion phase.

Trees: There was no report.

Long-Term Planning: President Ward mentioned that there have been a few meetings regarding the long-term design plan and the BID board's future in that as well. They also talked about what the board needs to do in the meantime until the sundown of the BID in 2029.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OBSERVATIONS:

Adjournment/Next Meeting

There being no further business, Worthington entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m. and Pierson seconded. The next board meeting will be on November 10, 2025. ***If unable to attend this meeting, please contact Lizz Ward by email at lizzward@gmail.com***

Respectfully submitted by: Lindsay Kneifel