City of La Porte Business Improvement District
City Hall
La Porte, IN 46350
November 10, 2025

President Ward called the November 10, 2025, meeting of the City of La Porte Business Improvement District Board to order at 5:06 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, Courtney Dickman, Patti Pierson, John Spiggle, President Lizz Ward, Clinton Worthington

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tu Bloom, Vice-President Robin Clark, Hannah Dunham, Tommy Viere

GUESTS PRESENT: Amy Feikes, Jamie Novak

MINUTES: President Ward asked if there were any additions or corrections to be made on the October 14th minutes. Adamsky motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Worthington seconded. Motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS: Amy Feikes notified the board that there were some issues with snow removal this morning. Her crew started like they usually do, but the snow fell so fast and was so heavy, it piled back up as soon as it was removed. Some equipment was also damaged in the process. The crew eventually decided after five hours to call it and said they would clear the snow tonight instead. Feikes said she will not charge the BID for those 35 hours and instead will charge for the typical 18 hours.

Novak said there were complaints from people saying they had to walk in knee-deep snow and could not access certain businesses in the BID. Novak pointed out that the city needs to make sure the city is safe for all residents and snow is cleared. She asked to be included in the snow removal communications so she can arrange for an alternative for snow removal if needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Spiggle notified the board that in October, the only money that was collected was interest and the expenses are quite high at $9,108 due to the September expenditures not processed on time. There is about $87,000 in the account with $46,000 available to spend in the budget. The only outstanding expense other than snow removal would be the electrical outlet repair that is not to exceed $3,500 that the board voted on through email. This is to ensure the Christmas lights have working outlets throughout the BID.

There was one claim from Mofield Properties for sidewalk maintenance at $500/week totaling $2,000. Worthington motioned to approve the claims as presented and Adamsky seconded. Motion passed.

Maintenance: Novak reported that she is waiting for the invoice for the electrical outlets that were to be fixed. She said it did not exceed $3,500. There were 14 poles that needed to be fixed and most of them were fuses.

Novak also gave an update on the storm tree by Zelden's Shoe Store on Michigan that was presented earlier this year. It was awarded at the last Board of Public Works meeting, and they are still working on getting it completed before the end of the year.

Snow Removal: The snow will be removed tonight.

Flowers: The planters are filled with snow.

Trees: There was no report.

Long-Term Planning: There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OBSERVATIONS: Worthington raised concern about the apartments at 814-816 Lincolnway. He said there will be twelve apartments going into the building but asked Novak to look into where the tenants are going to park. There is not a lot of parking in the area and business owners and employees park blocks away from their stores as it is.

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 December 8, 2025. ***If unable to attend this meeting, please contact Lizz Ward by email at lizzward@gmail.com***

Respectfully submitted by: Lindsay Kneifel