

**TOWN OF PORTER**  
**Redevelopment Commission**  
**303 Franklin Street**  
August 28, 2012

**Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Present:** President Elka Nelson, Greg Stinson, Joe Simanski, Jeannine Virtue

**Absent:** Al Raffin and Ron Stone

Also present: Attorney Gregg Sobkowski, Director of Development Mike Barry, Global Surveying Consultant Hesham Khalil, and Secretary Karen Spanier.

**Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Motion to approve the 7/24/12 minutes as presented was made by Greg Stinson, second made by Jeannine Virtue.

Motion carried 3-1; Joe Simanski was not present for the July meeting.

**Consideration of Claim Docket**

Greg Stinson made the motion to approve the claim docket as submitted, with Joe Simanski making the second.

Motion carried 4-0.

**Audience Participation**

None

**Reports**

Mike Barry Director of Development gave the following Reports:

Brickyard Trail – Indot has suspended further construction pending acquisitions on two Howe Rd parcels. Barry and Public Works Director Brueckheimer are checking the section of trail on National Lakeshore's side prior to paving being started.

Orchard Pedestrian Trail – Surveying will begin next week on the easement for the Storage Unit parcel.

Dunes Kankakee Trail – We are still looking into alternative Routes.

**Attorney-** Gregg Sobkowski had nothing to report at this time.

**Old Business**

**State Park Hydraulic Study Update** –Global Engineering Consultant Hesham Khalil told the Commission members reconstructing the road, creating a designated pathway for pedestrians and cyclists, and addressing poor drainage issues will be easier said than done.

The Town has an easement to the pavement edge however, the State owns land on the road's north side of the east end and the National Lakeshore owns land on south side. Since wetlands are near the roads edge permission would need to be given by the Army Corps of Engineers for the Town to encroach in order to make drainage improvements; and the State would have to give approval to construct it. An onsite meeting has been scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 with the Army Corp of Engineers to discuss proposed upgrades.

**St Rd 49 Inter-Local Agreement** – SEH has submitted the finalized agreement for approval. Motion to forward the St Rd 49 Inter-Local Agreement to the Council for approval; subject to Attorney's review, was made by Jeannine Virtue. Joe Simanski made the second. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

### **New Business**


**TIF Expansion Resolution** – Elka stated there are still some questions regarding the legal descriptions on some of the parcels to be added to the TIF District and would ask the Commission to table the Resolution until such verifications can be made. Greg Stinson made the motion to table the expansion of the TIF District until we receive clarification on the exact parcels and the description of the parcels. Jeannine Virtue made the second. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

### **Commission Comments**

Elka announced the Police Departments Canine Officer Nicky recently passed away. She asked Attorney Sobkowski to research weather the RDC can contribute towards the purchase of a new K-9 dog, since Police security benefits the TIF District also and to give an update at the next meeting.

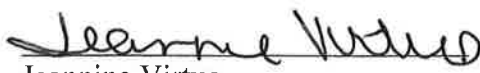
### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Joe Simanski, with Jeannine Virtue making the second. Meeting Adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

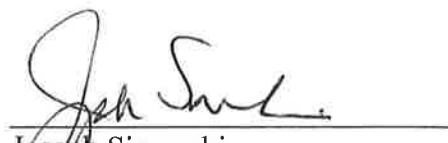


Elka Nelson, President

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Greg Stinson



Jeannine Virtue



Joseph Simanski

Attest:   
Karen Spanier, Secretary