

## **PORTER REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES**

MARCH 27, 2012

President Elka Nelson opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Commission members also present were Vice President Al Raffin and Joe Simanski, Greg Stinson and Jeannine Virtue. Also present was Mike Barry, Director of Development /Building Commissioner and Attorney Bonnie Coleman, sitting in for Attorney Gregg Sobkowski.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Simanski made a motion to table the February 28, 2012 minutes until next meeting.

Raffin made the second, vote 5-0.

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

Simanski made a motion to table claims until the next meeting.

Raffin made the second, vote 5-0.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None

### **REPORTS**

Engineering and Development

None

Attorney

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **MUNSON DITCH LAND ACQUISITION**

Nelson stated that the Town is waiting for appraisals and title work.

#### **PORTER BRICKYARD IDEM MATTER**

Nelson said that the Town received a letter from Aunna Huber of IDEM agreeing that based on Weaver Boos assessments; there is no risk to surrounding properties at this time. IDEM does not have concerns with postponing further investigation until the plans to redevelop are made.

#### **BRICKYARD/SEXTON AVENUE FENCE UPDATE**

Nelson requested that Barry assist in obtaining bids to order the fence.

Raffin made a motion to have Barry solicit for bids and to proceed with selection of a company to install fence if the bid is within 10% of the original bid received.

Virtue made the second, vote 5-0.

#### **BRICKYARD TRAIL BRIDGE UPDATE**

Charlie Ray of the Duneland Group said that the foundation for the bridge ramps at US 12 has been completed. He stated that the remaining components for the bridge span at US 20 are expected to be delivered around March 28, 2012. The bridge placement is expected to be done in the middle of April.

Ray said that they will try and coordinate with Duneland Schools. Raffin asked if there would be signs posted to walk rather than ride their bike across the bridge. Nelson stated that the signs required pursuant to INDOT'S requirements have been ordered. Virtue asked if the grade is the different over the 149 bike bridge and Ray's response was no.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **LAKE MICHIGAN COASTAL GRANT/ RDA REQUEST- PORTER BEACH SIDEWALK**

Nelson said that the Town has received 3 proposals for the State Park Road Hydraulic Study. They are Abonmarche for \$67,020, Global Engineering estimated cost of \$40,300 with a not to exceed cost of \$45,000, SEH for \$74,000 and the proposal from Haas & Associates is vague.

Raffin made a motion to accept the proposal of Global Engineering for a cost of \$40,300 not to exceed \$45,000 provided they include a time frame.

Nelson made the second, vote 5-0.

Hesham Khalil of Global Engineering was in the audience and stated that the work would be done by September 2012.

Nelson said that the grant for Porter Beach sidewalk and handicap access was denied because LMCP believe the project was infrastructure.

##### **DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN**

Nelson stated that the RDC received a proposal from SEH to do the Downtown Master Plan. She said that it is a supplement to the 49 Gateway Plan; the grant is for \$60,000.

Raffin made a motion to retain SEH to complete the Downtown master plan for \$60,000 in accordance with SEH approval.

Stinson made the second, vote 5-0.

##### **RETENTION OF RIGHT OF WAY JONES FOR HAWTHORNE PARK**

Simanski made a motion to approve Right of Way Jones to complete the acquisition of the easement for Hawthorne Park in accordance with Right Of Way Jones \$1,525.00 proposal.

Virtue made the second, vote 5-0.

##### **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER US 12 & US 20**

Nelson reported that Attorney Sobkowski has reviewed the agreement and made changes. It states in the agreement that INDOT will turn over the bridge to the Town when complete to own and maintain.

Nelson questioned who should sign the agreement even though it has been sent to the RDC for signatures. Attorney Bonnie Coleman said the Commission should table this until clarification is made.

Simanski made a motion to table this agreement until next meeting.

Virtue made the second, vote 5-0.

##### **INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF ST RD 49 PEDESTRIAN TRAIL**

Nelson stated that she had not yet completed the review of the agreement with Attorney Sobkowski.

Stinson made a motion to table this agreement until next meeting.

Virtue made the second, vote 5-0.

##### **CHANGE ORDERS BRICKYARD TRAIL**

Charlie Ray of the Duneland Group stated that #17 & #18 change orders were for 2 end sections at a cost of \$1,000 apiece, and a keep off bridge sign until pavement is complete. There were also credits due for signs that the Park will install and pay for that were originally included in the contract.

Raffin made the motion to approve and sign the changes orders as submitted.  
Simanski made the second, vote 5-0.

COMMISSION COMMENTES  
None

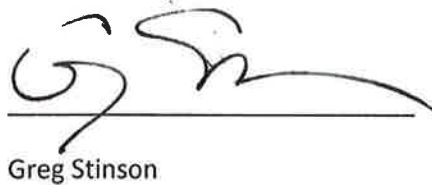
Nelson adjourned the meeting at 6:47



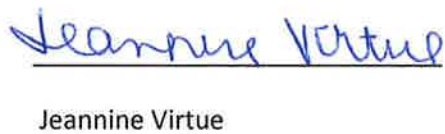
Elka Nelson, President



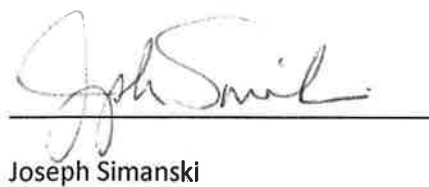
Albert Raffin, Vice-President



Greg Stinson



Jeannine Virtue



Joseph Simanski

Attest:   
Carol Pomeroy, Pro Tem