

TOWN OF PORTER
Redevelopment Commission
303 Franklin Street
February 28, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: President Elka Nelson, Vice-President Al Raffin, Greg Stinson, Joe Simanski, Jeannine Virtue

Absent: Ron Stone

Also present: Attorney Gregg Sobkowski, Haas Consultant Warren Theide, and Secretary Karen Spanier.

Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve the 1/24/12 minutes as presented was made by Jeannine Virtue, second made by Greg Stinson.

Motion carried 5-0.

Consideration of Claim Docket

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Audience Participation

None

Reports

Elka gave the following Engineering & Development Reports:

Brickyard Trail – Next Bridge meeting will be held Thursday and will give us a definite date as to when the Bridge will be swung over Hwy 20. Reith Riley has been notified there will be Porter Police presence at both ends of road closures.

Land Acquisition - Attorney Sobkowski has reviewed the proposal for the buyer and his fees are in line with what is to be expected for that type of work.

Greg Stinson made the motion to approve Right of Way Jones contract and to proceed with the purchase of two parcels of land totaling \$2,850.00. Jeannine made the second.

Motion carried 5-0

Brickyard Property- We have sent a letter in response to IDEMS last request and should have better update in 30-40 days. A copy of the letter will be on file at Town Hall.

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

Old Business

Munson Ditch Land Acquisition

Elka has been working with our Attorney to move forward in the acquisitions. Once we receive the updated title work and appraisal Attorney Sobkowski will handle the closing.

Sexton Ave Fence

Jeannine stated with regards to the area of the trail that has a very steep incline 10 to 12 feet that was never included in the trail project because it was believed it would be filled in when the brickyard developed on its own. Since there is no current plans to do this and the area needs to be fenced to protect bicyclists and pedestrians she stated that she received a quote for 270 feet of fence 5 foot high from NW Indiana Fence Co., for labor and materials totaling \$4,000. She questioned whether that would be enough length or did we need to go further, and get some more bids. It was agreed to put back on agenda as old business.

New Business

Authorization for Town Council to Oversee Lift Station / Relining Projects

Elka stated a RDC bond is paying for the project and she is looking for a motion to allow the Town Council to oversee this project and approve disbursements and afterward forward to RDC to approve the claims. Al Raffin made motion to allow town council to oversee Porter lift station and downtown relining projects. Joe Simanski seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Facade Grant

Elka stated this is a grant up to \$5,000 DEDC Duneland Economic Development Committee, to make their business aesthetically better. It is an 80 / 20 reimbursement grant with the owner of the building paying 20%. She further stated that at the last council meeting the council agreed to cover the 20% match instead of the property owner. Jeanne Virtue made a motion that if any business located inside the TIFF district were to be accepted for the grant the RDC would cover the 20% portion of the grant DEDC, and the RDC would also loan the full amount subject to reimbursement 80% by DEDC. AL Raffin made the second. Motion carried 5-0.

Request RDA for Matching Funds

Letter to RDA seeking reallocation of funds for three projects, lake Michigan coastal grant for porter beach project, one for state park road hydraulic study, and one DK trail connections from downtown to the lake. A letter outlining these projects is ready to go out to the Bill Hanna of RDA and I am looking for motion to permit me send out requesting funds of \$154,524. Joe Samanski made the motion, Greg Stinson made the second, and motion carried 5-0.

Commission Comments

None


Adjournment

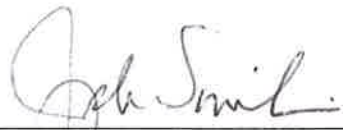
Motion to adjourn was made by Greg Stinson, with Jeannine Virtue making the second.
Meeting Adjourned at 6:27 p.m.


Elka Nelson, President


Albert Raffin, Vice-President


Greg Stinson


Jeannine Virtue


Joseph Simanski

Attest: 
Karen Spanier, Secretary