

**TOWN OF PORTER**  
**Redevelopment Commission**  
**Special Meeting**  
**303 Franklin Street**  
January 10, 2012

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Absent:** Ron Stone

Also present: Attorney Gregg Sobkowski, Director of Engineering Matt Keiser, SEH Consultant Matt Reardon and Secretary Karen Spanier.

**Re-organization**

Al Raffin made the motion to nominate Elka Nelson as President, Joe Simanski seconded said motion, nominations were closed. Comments were called for and with none given, motion carried. 5-0

Greg Stinson made the motion to nominate Al Raffin as Vice President, Jeannine Virtue seconded said motion, nominations were closed. Comments were called for and with none given, motion carried. 5-0

Al Raffin made the motion to nominate Joe Simanski as Secretary, Jeannine Virtue seconded said motion, nominations were closed. Comments were called for and with none given, motion carried. 5-0

**Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Motion to table approval of the 12/13/11 minutes until the next meeting was made by Greg Stinson, second made by Joe Simanski.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Consideration of Claim Docket**

Al Raffin made the motion to table the claim docket until the next meeting, with Greg Stinson making the second. Motion carried. 5-0

**Audience Participation**

None

**Reports**

Director of Engineering- Matt Keiser reported that the RDC is awaiting word from IDEM on their newest directives related to the Brickyard parcel. Matt explained that it is Weaver Boos' position that the remediation plan should be required at the time a development plan is finalized and that no further testing or monitoring should be required at this time. Elka Nelson added that the RDC's response prepared by consultant Weaver Boos is available for inspection at the Town Hall or online in IDEM's virtual file drawer.

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

### Old Business

Greg Stinson made the motion giving SEH Consultant's authorization to file a grant application to the Lake Michigan Coastal Program, by the January 23, 2012 deadline. Al Raffin seconded said motion.  
Motion carried. 5-0h

The grant money will be used for a handicapped-accessible ramp with observation outlooks from Town property at Porter Beach onto the beach itself; also retaining walls, angled parking and circular end turn-around at the Town owned parking lot; and for 10 foot wide sidewalks along the east side of a portion of Wabash Avenue.

### New Business

None

Al Raffin made a motion that the RDC no longer hold meetings twice a month. Beginning in February the regular business meeting will be held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Jeannine Virtue made the second, motion carried. 5-0

### Commission Comments


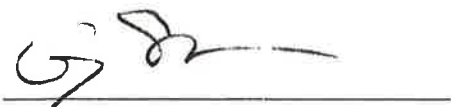
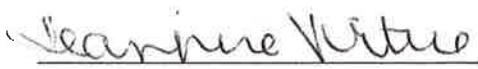
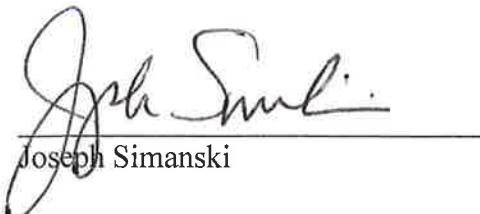
Elka Nelson welcomed Joe Simanski to the RDC and expressed her personal thanks to him for his willingness to contribute his experience and expertise to our Town. She mentioned that Joe was City Attorney for the City of Plymouth, served as legal counsel for Plymouth's Redevelopment Commission, has also been a Plymouth City Councilman, and served on Plymouth's Water Board and Plan Commission.

Elka also expressed her appreciation that Al Raffin expressed his interest in continuing his membership in the Commission; she thanked Matt Keiser, Karen Spanier, Brenda Brueckheimer, SEH, Haas and Weaver Boos for assisting in the transition and bringing the new members of the RDC up to date on the various projects.

Elka further stated the RDC will hold an open informal meeting to update the Town residents on the various Town projects once the RDC is familiar with all ongoing projects. And she reminded the audience she truly believes that outcomes improve when residents are involved and stated that she is committed to encouraging residents input and involvement as we move forward.

### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Jeannine Virtue, with Al Raffin 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