

**TOWN OF PORTER**  
**Redevelopment Commission**  
**303 Franklin Street**  
August 26, 2014

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Present:** President Jeannine Virtue, Vice President Erik Wagner, Joe Simanski, Greg Stinson, and Rob Pomeroy

**Also present:** Attorney Gregg Sobkowski, Director of Development Mike Barry, School Board Liaison John Marshall, and Secretary Karen Spanier.

**Approval of Minutes**

Joe Simanski made the motion to approve the July 22, 2014 minutes as written with Greg Stinson making the second.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Consideration of Claims**

Motion to approve the August claims was made by Greg Stinson. Erik Wagner made the second.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Audience Participation**

None

**Reports**

Director of Development Mike Barry stated he e-mailed the members his report with the list of projects and updates.

Attorney Sobkowski had nothing to report.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**DK BID** - Barry stated we received 2 bids for a missing portion of the Dunes Kankakee Trail, he is recommending the award go to the lowest bidder Grimmer Construction.

Greg Stinson made the motion to accept Grimmer Constructions bid proposal, contingent upon providing additional documentation. Erik Wagner made the second.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Brickyard Trail Change Order**

Change Order #28 – Balance and close out Construction Invoices, resulting in credit amount of \$50,009.55

Motion to approve Change Order #28 was made by Joe Simanski, with Rob Pomeroy making the second.

Motion carried 5-0.

### **South Shore Heritage Train Project**

Lorelei Weimer, Executive Director of Tourism and Richard Riley, President of South Shore Heritage Foundation came before the Commission requesting a donation to help fund a \$19,000. 00 study to determine the feasibility of using vintage South Shore passenger cars as an operating tourism railway.

Indiana Dunes Tourism, Porter County Commissioners, and the Town of Chesterton have pledged to donate \$4,300.00 and with Porter's donation, the first phase of the study can begin.

Greg Stinson made the motion to approve \$4,300.00 for the feasibility study, with Joe Simanski making the second.

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

Rob Pomeroy – No

Joe Simanski – Yes

Jeannine Virtue – Yes

Greg Stinson – Yes

Erik Wagner - No

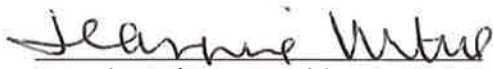
Motion carried 3-2

### **Commission Comments**

Duneland School Board Liaison John Marshall requested the Commission consider continuing the discussions on allocating a portion of TIF Tax Revenues to Duneland Schools.

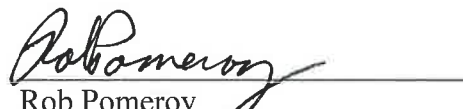
### **Adjournment**


Erik Wagner made the motion to adjourn, with Rob Pomeroy making the second.  
Meeting Adjourned at 6:42 p.m.


  
Jeannine Virtue, President

  
Erik Wagner, Vice-President

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Joseph Simanski

  
Rob Pomeroy

  
Greg Stinson

Attest:   
Karen Spanier, Secretary