

TOWN OF PORTER
Redevelopment Commission
303 Franklin Street
June 28, 2022

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: President Brian Finley, Vice President Allison Hultman, David Phillips, Russ Erwin, and School Board Member Tim McGinty

Also Present: Attorney Laura Frost, Director of Development Mike Barry, SEH Consultant Glenn Peterson and Tammie Sufana

David Phillips made the motion to approve the May 24, 2022 meeting minutes, with Allison Hultman making the second.

Motion carried 4-0.

Consideration of Claims

Motion to approve the June claims was made by Allison Hultman. Russ Erwin made the second.

Motion carried 4-0.

Audience Participation

None

Reports

Director of Development Mike Barry had nothing new to report.

Attorney Frost had nothing to report.

Old Business

Business Improvement Grant

Barry noted he had resent all previous versions of documentation for the Business Improvement Grant Applications to all Commission Members, and asked for their thoughts.

After a brief discussion, members agreed to have Barry put something together for the next meeting.

This would include 2 annual \$5,000.00 matching Grants and would be for exterior improvements only.

New Business

SEH Contracts

SEH Consultant Glenn Peterson stated he brought two proposals to the Commission for their approval. The first is a General Redevelopment Contract for on call services. This Contract will re-engage SEH with the Town and replace a previous Consulting Firms Contract.

After review of the Contract, it was suggested the not to exceed amount and effective dates be changed along with Attorney's recommended corrections.

Motion to approve the SEH Contract, subject to the final revision approval by the Attorney was made by David Phillips. Allison Hultman made the second.

Motion carried 4-0.

The Second Proposal is for the Marquette Greenway Trail Project.

Peterson said this Trail extends from Illinois to Michigan and has several different segments to it. The Porter Brickyard Trail is a portion of the Marquette Greenway Trail as well as Calumet Trail in Porter County.

Other Communities have received financing for Trails through NIRPC and Federal D.O.T Grants.

However, the gap in the Town of Porter's section is on National Park property which can be problematic.

He explained D.O.T. funds cannot be used for NPS Properties and we would need to look for alternative ways to pay this.

Peterson said he suggests having a cost estimate done to figure what the actual cost would be. Similar to the Engineer Assessment that was done for the Waverly Trail Project.

David Phillips made the Motion for approval for Preliminary Engineering for the Marquette Greenway Trail, subject to the attorney's approval. Russ Erwin made the second.

Motion carried 4-0.

Allison Hultman noted the not to exceed amount for the Trail proposal is \$24,000.00.

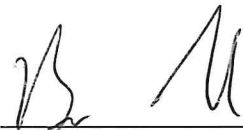
Commission Comments

None

Adjournment

David Phillips made the motion to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:31 p.m.



Brian Finley, President



Allison Hultman, Vice-President



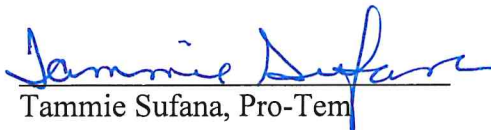
David Phillips, Member



Russ Erwin, Secretary

Don Craft, Member

Attest:


Tammie Sufana, Pro-Tem