

TOWN OF PORTER
Redevelopment Commission
303 Franklin Street
April 25, 2023

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: President Brian Finley, Russ Erwin, Don Craft, and David Phillips

Absent: Vice President Allison Hultman

Also Present: Attorney Laura Frost, School Board Representative Beth Mehling, Michael Barry, and Karen Spanier

Approval of Minutes

Dave Phillips made the motion to approve the January 24, 2023 meeting minutes, with Russ Erwin making the second.

Motion carried 4-0. Hultman was not at meeting

Consideration of Claims

Motion to approve the April claims was made by Russ Erwin. Don Craft made the second.

Motion carried 4-0.

Audience Participation

None

Reports

Attorney Frost had nothing to report.

Michael Barry updating on projects. SEH-Mnoke Prairie Agreement is reapproving the contract from last year with current dates. Burns Harbor is still figuring out where their trail will connect to Marquette Greenway trail. Marquette starts in Chicago to New Buffalo the names are different within area.

The Dunes Kankakee Waverly extension to north of Orchard Pedestrian Way on Waverly Rd.-Michael Barry states Porter County will be renovating Porter County Bridge 149 in 2024, INDOT will resurface bridge in 2025-2026, they will pay to designing Porter trail into project at no cost to us, RDC will have to find money for construction cost of \$1,032,700 due in 2025/2026. Trying to finalize the last bit of trail is hard waiting to see what happens with waterpark property.

Michael Barry states he sent the Downtown Master Plan to Town Council to review again.

Lincoln Street Lighting, wanting to see if the RDC they are still getting quotes under \$150,000.

The Brickyard Property he has contacted MCR to get quote for Soil Management to close out the IDEM issues. IDEM requires us to do a few more borings to middle of site for lead contamination. Figure out what the extent of it is and mediate it or leave it alone. Send that to IDEM and they will close the whole thing out and if we wanted to develop the north side of it we could.

Dave Phillips comments it's going to cost over a million dollars for trail over 94 how does that relate to RDA funds? Michael Barry states the RDA funds is a 20% match and is for large projects. RDA should cover all match monies. Michael Barry states he is still trying to get a budget together for it.

Old Business

None

New Business

Annual Contracts

Dave Phillips made a motion to approve the Baker Tilly annual contract, with Russ Erwin making the second.

Motion carried 4-0.

Russ Erwin made a motion to approve SEH-Mnoke Prairie Agreement, with Don Craft making the second.

Motion carried 4-0.

Commission Comments

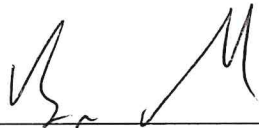
Brian Finley on March 28, 2023 the RDC received and provided to the Town Council the TIF Management Report.

Brian Finley comments the replacement of the Downtown Lights Project is something the RDC can take on because it is in the TIF district, and that Public Works Superintendent Jamie Spanier is still getting quotes. He thinks it would be a good project for RDC to take on seeing that we cannot help the Park with Hawthorne Project. Dave Phillips also thinks it is a good use for it.

Adjournment

Dave Phillips made the motion to adjourn.

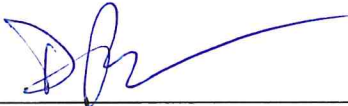
Meeting Adjourned at 6:16 p.m.



Brian Finley, President



Allison Hultman, Vice-President



David Phillips, Member



Russ Erwin, Secretary



Don Craft, Member

Attest:


Karen Spanier