

**Town of Cedar Lake
Redevelopment Commission Minutes
December 9, 2013**

Call to Order: 6:20 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present	Becky Davis Secretary	Present	Jeff DeVries Member
Absent	Anthony Bender Member	Present	Dennis Wilkening Hanover School District Liaison
Absent	John Foreman Town Council	Present	Jerry Caravana Crown Point Community School Corporate Liaison
Present	Robert Carnahan Town Council	Present	Nathan Vis Vice President
Present	Randy Niemeyer Town Council	Present	Patrick Conlon President
Present	Ian Nicolini Town Manager	Present	David Austgen Town Attorney

I. Approval of minutes from November 18, 2013 meeting: 12, 2013.

Patrick Conlon stated he had no copy of the November 18, 2013 meeting minutes so voting will be deferred until next month's meeting.

II. Monthly Vendor Invoice Review: None this month

III. Written Communications-No written communication at this time.

IV. Monthly Reports: Ian Nicolini went over several topics .Stating that many important project milestones were met last week. Right- of- way was acquired and certified. Efforts at closing on a roadway easement with Norfolk Southern Railway are complete. The notice to proceed has been issued to the utilities to begin immediately .Bid letting scheduled for March 2014 with an anticipated late April construction start and the project will be substantially complete by October 31, 2014. Improvements are expected to cost \$670,000 with 20% or \$175,000 added to the local cost of the project. The scope of the project has increased to include extending town water main to the southern boundary of McDonald's; this will add BP and McDonald's to the town's water service. A brief discussion followed regarding available options for the resurfacing or reconstruction of 133rd to the west of Rt.41 to the town limits. As part of the project, Ian Nicolini stated more information will be available at a later date. Ian Nicolini also discussed topics for the 133rd eastside including IDEM (Indiana Department of Environmental Management) permitting has been issued for wetland work. Army Corp. of Engineer approval still pending but Ian Nicolini indicted no problems are anticipated in getting approval. Right of way has been secured and a late January or early February bid letting is expected with construction to begin in March with substantial completion expected by the 4th of July weekend. Several discussions occurred on the topic of the round- about at Cline and Lake Shore Dr. A date for a public open house is anticipated to be determined by the next RDC meeting.

V. Old Business: Topics discussed included the update on the Lincoln Plaza entrance project with right of way. According to Ian Nicolini offers were made to all three owners of the ten (10) parcels, he has a meeting with one owner later in the week; Ian quoted stated that the feedback has been fairly positive. Several discussions occurred on the concerns of the intersection of 133rd and Parrish .The Commission continued discussing several options being considered. Design work has not begun; however, Ian Nicolini stated that safety will be looked at from start to finish.

VI. New Business: Two topics were discussed; the first was Lake Shore Drive Master Plan and the properties currently for sale between the Chamber of Commerce and the East side Dairy Queen as well as future investments in that area. Discussion included the public's perception is that most of the RDC/TIF investment has been realized to the west side of the Lake. A second brief discussion centered on updating members that were absent at the November Meeting regarding funding approved in November for a GAP and Psychographic Analysis. Patrick Conlon said the plan will focus on what type of need best suits the needs of the community. Nathan Vis also raised the possibility of funding school needs .Patrick Conlon added that consideration for a dedicated crosswalk near Hanover Central High School should also be included in future discussions. If there are improvements that would increase the value of education, and would motivate folks to move to this area I think tis commission would be all ears stated Nathan Vis which ended the discussion.

VII. Other Business: Patrick Conlon added that consideration for a dedicated crosswalk near Hanover Central High School should also be included in future discussions.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at approximately 7:00pm was made by Nathan Vis and seconded by Becky Davis.

Jeff Devries	Anthony Bender	Becky Davis	Nathan Vis	Patrick Conlon
YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES

Vote: 4-0

Patrick Conlon – President

Nathan Vis – Vice President

ABSENT

Becky Davis – Secretary

Anthony Bender – Member

Jeff DeVries – Member

Attest: _____
Jessica Chick, Recording Secretary