



**Town of Cedar Lake
Redevelopment Commission Minutes
November 9, 2015**

Call to Order 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present	Nathan Vis Member	Present	Randy Niemeyer Town Council
Present	Jeff DeVries Member	Absent	John Foreman Town Council
Present	Jolie Covaciu Member	Present	Robert Carnahan Town Council
Present	Eric Burnham Member	Present	Connie Sterkowitz Hanover School District Liaison
Present	Doug Spencer* Member	Present	Jerry Caravana Crown Point Community School Corporation Liaison
Present	Amy Gross Clerk Treasurer	Present	Jill Murr Town Administrator
Present	David Austgen Town Attorney	Present	Jennifer Sandberg Recording Secretary

**Rex Sherrard, Professional Engineer was present at the meeting.*

**Doug Spencer arrived at approximately 6:05pm.*

Minutes of the October 2015 Public Meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 2015 Public Meeting was made by Eric Burnham with a second by Jeff DeVries.

Jolie Covaciu	Doug Spencer	Eric Burnham	Jeff DeVries	Nathan Vis	Vote
YES	ABSENT	YES	YES	YES	4-0

I. New Business

A. Approve Senator Sue Landske Sign Reimbursement

A motion to approve the sign reimbursement for Senator Sue Landske Park for \$1,147.00 was made by Eric Burnham with a second by Jeff DeVries.

Jolie Covaciu	Doug Spencer	Eric Burnham	Jeff DeVries	Nathan Vis	Vote
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	5-0

II. Monthly Vendor Invoice Review

A. Approve Expenses

A motion to approve the vendor expenses from 10/13 – 11/09/2015 out of Fund 804 for a total of \$142,724.90 was made by Eric Burnham with a second by Jeff DeVries.

Jolie Covaciu	Doug Spencer	Eric Burnham	Jeff DeVries	Nathan Vis	Vote
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	5-0

A motion to approve the vendor expenses from 10/13 – 11/09/2015 out of Fund 404 for a total of \$5,024.28 was made by Eric Burnham with a second by Jeff DeVries.

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Jolie Covaciu	Doug Spencer	Eric Burnham	Jeff DeVries	Nathan Vis	Vote
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	5-0

B. Review Expenses/Income

Clerk-Treasurer Gross discussed that not much has changed. A reimbursement arrived from INDOT for \$105,000 for a series of invoices paid to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, for the 80% reimbursable construction observation inspection. President Vis asked if she expected any more. She estimated about \$41,000 to be reimbursed. She stated the next draw should arrive the second to last week in December.

III. Update from Rex Sherrard on TIF Study

Mr. Sherrard shared scaled drawings showing parcel boundaries and TIF boundaries. Discussion followed about setting up a meeting to turn over discovery to Town employees to keep a handle on what is going on with these. He also discussed being ready to go to the Lake County Auditor’s office to get some items corrected.

IV. Monthly Reports

A. 133rd Avenue Phase II – Update

Town Administrator Murr stated box culverts are being prepared. Curb work will be done next week. Paving may begin the following week, weather pending. Surface coat, sidewalks, and drive aprons will not go in until the spring. Right of Entry agreement and discussion regarding the storm retention pond with the school is moving forward.

B. East 133rd Avenue – Update

Waiting on the paperwork to close out the project.

C. Cline/Lake Shore Drive Project

Parcel number 4 is pending. Parcel number 5 is being discussed. Six of the parcels have been secured out of fourteen. One is moving towards condemnation.

D. Broadway Project

This project is done. The Town owns the necessary property to maintain the area.

E. Pending/Future Developments

Town has closed on the last parcel for Bartlett/Wahlberg Park. NIPSCO needs to retire the lines and the Fire department will be doing some training and then the structure will come down. Discussion continued on design ideas and upcoming meetings or community forums for input on the design.

V. Old Business

A. Status – 133rd East – IDEM/UST Contamination

Status conference to occur in February.

B. Park Improvement Project

Previously discussed.

C. Sign Order

Town Administrator Murr discussed that Mixdesign is to deliver the sign on November 18th.

VI. Public Comment

Town Council President Randy Niemeyer congratulated the Commission for a job well done this year. He discussed the vision being cast over the next few years being even bigger. He stated it’s a great start and he looks forward to working with the Commission in the future.

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Town Council Member Robert Carnahan discussed further the idea of putting an update on 133rd Avenue in the December Newsletter. He also noted that on November 11 the Chamber Luncheon is being held at Great Oaks Banquet Hall. Town Administrator Murr will be the Keynote Speaker.

President Vis discussed the idea of considering the ability to set up a façade grant program for established businesses to improve their exteriors.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Eric Burnham with a second by Jeff DeVries at approximately 6:32 PM.

Jolie Covaciu	Doug Spencer	Eric Burnham	Jeff DeVries	Nathan Vis	Vote
YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	5-0

Nathan Vis – President

Jeff DeVries – Vice President

Eric Burnham – Secretary

Jolie Covaciu– Member

Doug Spencer – Member

Attest: _____
Jennifer Sandberg, Recording Secretary