



**Town of Cedar Lake
Redevelopment Commission Minutes
April 11, 2016**

Call to Order 6:02pm
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call:

Present	Nathan Vis Member	Absent	Randy Niemeyer Town Council
Absent	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	Absent	Jerry Caravana Crown Point Community School Corporation Liaison
Absent	Amy Gross Clerk Treasurer	Present	Jill Murr Town Administrator
Present	David Austgen Town Attorney	Present	Jennifer Sandberg Recording Secretary

Minutes of the March 2016 Public Meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 2016 Public Meeting was made by Eric Burnham with a second by Doug Spencer.

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

I. New Business

A. Grant Façade Program

President Vis discussed re-exploring the Grant Façade Project that was previously set aside. The idea is to offer up to \$10,000 to an existing business for improving the façade of their infrastructure in the way of concrete, sidewalks, stucco, etc., as well as a not to exceed amount of \$2,000 for landscaping. Commission members Burnham and Spencer concurred with President Vis’s thoughts of encouraging business in Town. Tonight is just to reintroduce the idea, think on it, and talk more next month. A brief discussion occurred on implementation of the program. Mr. Carnahan cautioned the Commission on spending, due to potential TIF money losses. A lengthy discussion continued among the Commission, Mr. Carnahan, and Town Attorney Austgen, on the TIF appeals, concerns of assessed value going down, and what it could mean for the Town. The conclusion was to think on the project, get firm numbers from the Clerk-Treasurer, and possibly set aside \$30,000 for a trial run of the program. Town Administrator Murr added that she’s looking into the Office of Rural and Community Affairs and possible matching grant façade programs. She has an upcoming training in the next month or so.

II. Monthly Vendor Invoice Review

A. Approve Expenses

A motion to approve the vendor expenses from 03/12/16 – 4/11/16 out of Fund 404 for a total of \$2,678.48 was made by Eric Burnham with a second by Jolie Covaciu.

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

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A motion to approve the vendor expenses from 03/12/16 – 4/11/16 out of Fund 804 for a total of \$749.56 was made by Eric Burnham with a second by Doug Spencer.

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

III. Written Communications - None

IV. Monthly Reports

- A. 133rd Avenue Phase II** – Sidewalks and driveway work is pending weather. Substantial completion date of May 14th.
- B. East 133rd Avenue** – Project is finished except for ongoing IDEM/UST Contamination. Mr. Carnahan commented on a semi-truck dropping its legs into the new roadway that morning outside TJT Tire and Service. He contacted the police and Operations Director Kubiak to look into it.
- C. Cline/Lake Shore Drive Project** – The Right of Way process is ongoing.
- D. Pending/Future Developments** – Town Administrator Murr would like to discuss the Hanover School light project with NIRPC to see if there were possible monies available. Commission Member Burnham asked about ownership of Broadway. It was answered that the Town owns the area. A brief discussion occurred on pothole patching and future development for Broadway.

V. Old Business

- A. Follow-up on Economic Development Trip** – Commission Members Covaciu and Vis each gave a summary on the Economic Development Committee’s Trip to Lake Geneva. They discussed their visit, the dynamic of Lake Geneva, ideas they collected, and their outlook for using said ideas for the future growth of Cedar Lake. A lengthy discussion continued on how to best achieve visions for the future for all involved.
- B. Status – 133rd East – IDEM/UST Contamination** – Town Attorney Austgen stated he is pursuing discovery responses.
- C. Park Improvement Project** – Town Administrator Murr stated the Fire department is doing some training and then the last structure will come down within the next week. Looking into some landscaping options.
- D. Other** - President Vis discussed the light project with the high school. It will be discussed with the Hanover School Board tomorrow night. He asked Town Administrator Murr about utilizing American Structurepoint for engineering designs. She stated yes but move forward with a different engineering staff. A brief discussion occurred on future options for Broadway.

VI. Public Comment – Mr. Carnahan commented on Karen Pence, First Lady of Indiana, visiting the Chamber of Commerce to see the Bicentennial Silhouette Project. He also reminded them of the upcoming 16+ meeting in Schererville, where they will discuss the ongoing tax appeals. Town Administrator Murr added the Jane Ball Safe Routes to School Project will be occurring this summer.

VII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Eric Burnham with a second by Doug Spencer at approximately 7:14 PM.

Jolie Covaciu	Doug Spencer	Eric Burnham	Jeff DeVries	Nathan Vis	Vote
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Nathan Vis – President

Jeff DeVries – Vice President

Eric Burnham – Member

Jolie Covaciu – Secretary

Doug Spencer – Member

Attest: _____
Jennifer Sandberg, Recording Secretary