

Town of Cedar Lake
Redevelopment Commission Minutes
September 12, 2016



Call to Order 6:00pm
Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence
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	Absent	Connie Sterkowitz Hanover School District Liaison
Present	Doug Spencer Member	Present	Jerry Caravana Crown Point Community School Corporation Liaison
Absent	Amy Gross Clerk Treasurer	Absent	Jill Murr Town Administrator
Present	David Austgen Town Attorney	Absent*	Jennifer Sandberg Recording Secretary

*Jessica Chick was present as recording secretary.

I. Minutes of the August 2016 Public Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 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

II. Monthly Invoices

- a. Fund 404
- b. Fund 804

A motion to approve monthly invoices from Fund 404 for a total of \$794.98 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

A motion to approve monthly invoices from Fund 804 for a total of \$675.00 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. New Business - None

IV. Written Communications – Clerk-Treasurer Gross sent out updated financial reports to the Commission.

V. Monthly Reports

- A. 133rd Avenue Phase II – Project is finished. Just a matter of clearing up the demands and paybacks. President Vis discussed an item from the Town Council to the Commission regarding the future of an empty lot on 133rd Avenue. Discussion occurred on possibilities for the empty lot.
- B. Cline/Lake Shore Drive Project – Nearing the end of parcel acquisition.
- C. Pending/Future Developments – President Vis mentioned that as the financial situation improves, possible future projects are Lincoln Plaza/Broadway and the

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Hanover School intersection project. Mr. Austgen added that design engineering is in process for Lincoln Plaza/Broadway.

VI. Old Business

- A. Status 133rd East – IDEM/UST Contamination – Continuing to engage in discovery.
- B. Park Improvement Project – No update.
- C. Safari Marketing Proposal – President Vis stated he spoke with Councilwoman Julie Rivera and she is looking for authority to spend up to \$600 to take professional photographs. She has received photo submittals but they are mostly sunsets and not all are high-quality jpeg that are needed. Commission member Covaciu discussed a community member who takes photographs around the lake. President Vis discussed Mr. Adams knowing exactly what he’s looking for and being able to work with a photographer to get exactly what is needed for the website.

A motion to approve up to \$600 for a photographer for Safari Marketing for website proposal 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

VII. Public Comment – Mr. Carnahan added that the Chamber Luncheon will be held on September 22, 2016. The guest speaker will be Speros Batistatos of the South Shore Vistors Convention. Ken Peach introduced himself. He discussed that he’s a commercial real estate broker. He’s considering doing some developing on his own. He’s got his eye on a few spots in Town. Before he moves forward he wanted to stop in and introduce himself. All plans are preliminary. Commission member Covaciu welcomed Mr. Peach and thanked him for his interest in commercial development. Commercial development is a goal of the Commission. Discussion continued on future development.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn 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

Nathan Vis – President

Jeff DeVries – Vice President

Eric Burnham – Member

Jolie Covaciu – Secretary

Doug Spencer – Member

Attest: _____
Jennifer Sandberg, Recording Secretary