

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
April 3, 2019**

**Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:** Mr. Snedecor called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** The following members were present: Mr. Lain, Mr. Ehrhardt and Mr. Snedecor. Also present: C-T Longer and Admin. Asst. C. Govert.

**Reading of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2019 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Correspondence:** Sergio Mendoza, City Planner, announced two open houses that will take place on Wednesday, April 10, 2019: Hobart Conservation Zoning and Sub Area Plan will hold an open house from 5-7 p.m. at Hobart City Hall in Council Chambers. They will provide an overview of the planning process and outline the various conservation areas and restoration tools taking place in Hobart. The Stinky Creek Watershed open house will take place at the Hobart Township Office at 1421 W. 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. from 6-8 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to provide comments and meet with City staff and engineering consultant representatives to share their flooding concerns and experiences. Mr. Fulton noted that this open house is part of the ongoing stormwater project in that area.

**Approval of Register of Claims and Payroll Claims:** Motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Lain, to accept and sign the register of claims and payroll claims as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to approve the agenda as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Unfinished Business:**

**Request to plant Native Plants in the City Easement: Jake Cseke, 1205 Lincoln St.:** Mr. Cseke was present and said he had met with Kelly Goodpaster, Parks Director, about his plan. Ms. Goodpaster stated that they discussed his plan and she is impressed and confident that he will choose the right plants. Mr. Cseke and Ms. Goodpaster will work together along the way. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the request as presented with the guidance of the Park Director. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Continued: Cash Bond Related to Work Not Completed for 61<sup>st</sup> Ave.:** Mr. Snedecor stated that the City Attorney requests that this item remain as continued. Ms. Goodpaster provided a brief update, stating that the City has a plan and are waiting on the Attorney in order to move forward.

**Continued: Order to Appear/Unsafe Building Code Violations: Nikola Tomich with Attorney Mike McIlree re: 1317 S. Lake Park Ave.:** Mr. Snedecor said that Attorney DeBonis is concerned that the documents on the door are not legally binding. Mr. Hannigan, Building Official, stated that according to the Lake County website the property was sold at a tax sale on November 1, 2018. He has also contacted Mr. McIlree who informed him that he is no longer involved with this owner. Mr. Hannigan said he would contact the bank with notice of the City's intent to demolish the building. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to authorize the Building Official to send notification to the bank of the Board's intention to demolish. Discussion was held about beginning the bid process for demolition.

Mr. Snedecor amended the motion to add, the Board authorizes the Building Official to begin the bid process for demolition, seconded as amended by Mr. Ehrhardt. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Update: Resolution 2019-05: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing Execution of Ground Lease for New City Communications Tower with PI Tower Development LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company:** The Resolution was read. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to approve Resolution 2019-05 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**New Business:**

**Request to Plant Tree in Easement: Miriam Ehrenfeld, re: 800 Lake St.:** Mrs. Ehrenfeld was not present. Discussion was held about where trees would be planted and what type of tree, it was decided that they would need more information from the home owner. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to table this item to April 17, 2019 for further review. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Request to Remove Tree from Easement (at owner's expense): Sharon Lentini, 9021 Norris Dr.:** Ms. Lentini was not present. Mr. Snedecor said that the tree has already been removed and this item can be removed from the agenda. Mr. Snedecor also said that he was informed that HOA in that neighborhood provides incentive for home owners to plant a tree that meets the City standards. Mr. Lain mentioned that the stump remains and has not been removed. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to acknowledge the tree removal and advise the owner that the stump needs to be removed within 60 days. Mr. Dubach advised the Board that it may have been the Public Works Department that took the tree down and recommended that the board table this item. Mr. Lain amended his motion, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to table this item until the April 17, 2019 meeting of the Board of Works. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Request for placement of USPS Food Drive signs in Easements at Various Locations: Amy Tackett, Hobart Post Office:** Ms. Daley from the Post Office was present and is requesting the same sign and banner placement as previous years as determined by Mr. Hannigan, Building Official, for the week of the food drive in May. Approximately 23 signs will be up from May 4 – May 11, 2019. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve the temporary placement of signs as requested. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Request for Handicap Signage: Abbie Leal, re: 2712 E. 61<sup>st</sup> Lane:** Ms. Leal was present and requested 1 or 2 handicap signs be placed on her street as she has young children that play on the sidewalk with one child in a wheelchair and vehicles including semi-trucks come around the curve at a high rate of speed. Ms. Leal also expressed a concern with the sidewalks in the neighborhood which are heaved and have caused her daughters wheelchair to tip over on her way to the bus stop. Ms. Leal mentioned that a couple of the sidewalk squares that cause a trip hazard are from the Indiana American Water shut off valves which stick up about 6 inches (pictures were provided). Mr. Snedecor said that he and the City Engineer, Phil Gralik will have someone come out and look at the sidewalks. Discussion was held about the signs and it was noted that “child at play” or “handicap child at play” signs are no longer allowed. It was decided that “No Semi-Truck Traffic” signs could be placed at the entrance of the subdivision. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to authorize public works to install “No Semi-Truck Traffic” signs and staff will investigate the sidewalks with Indiana American Water. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Request for Sign Change on Liverpool Rd.: Petra Julian, re: 5545 S. Liverpool Rd.:** Ms. Julian was not present. Public Works Supt., John Dubach, said that the “high water” signs can come down as the drainage problems in that area have been fixed, however he is not sure how effective “deer crossing” signs are. Discussion was held regarding the crossing signs and it was suggested that they could go up at 49<sup>th</sup> Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to authorize the Public

Works Supt. remove "high water" signs and determine a location for "deer crossing" signs. Councilman Waldrop addressed the Board and suggested that the City work with the DNR to come up with appropriate signs for the nature district. City Planner, Mr. Mendoza, said he could reach out to them. The motion was amended to remove the "high water" signs and review this matter at the May 1, 2019 Board of Works meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Attorney DeBonis arrives.

**Request for Sidewalk on 8<sup>th</sup> St. West of Wisconsin St.: Niki Zynak, re: 1018 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street:** Ms. Zynak was present and requested sidewalks be put in for her children to have safe passage from her home to the middle school. Currently the children walking to the middle school use the street and it is not safe. City Engineer, Phil Gralik, said that he can check if this area qualifies for the Safe Routes to School Grant. Mr. Snedecor explained to Ms. Zynak that this will not be a quick process, but Staff will take this under advisement. Mr. Snedecor asked Ms. Zynak to stay in contact with him as they work through this matter. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to take this matter under advisement. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Consideration of Service Agreement: Lake George Weed/Sediment Treatment 2019-2020, Clark Aquatics:** Mr. Fulton gave a brief description of the project stating that it is a 2-year process to continue treatment of vegetation control on Lake George including a pilot program to use bioaugmentation to control sedimentation on the lake bed. It was noted that some of the dates in the contract do not match. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain, to continue this item to the April 17, 2019 Board of Works meeting in order to have proper paperwork. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Review of Draft Interlocal Agreement: Little Cal River Basin Dev. Commission, re: pilot Bioaugmentation treatment of Lake George for Sediment Control:** Mr. Fulton explained that this agreement between the City and Little Cal River Basin Development Commission is for a 50/50 payment for the contract with Clark Aquatics. Attorney DeBonis stated that this is an interlocal and should go before the Common Council. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to approve the interlocal agreement and forward it to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Request to Scrap Vehicles and Remove from Inventory:** A list of vehicles no longer usable was presented from Public Works and Police Department. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to approve the disposal/scrap of the vehicles and remove them from the inventory. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Resolution 2019-04: A Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Execution of a Development Agreement between the City of Hobart and Paine, LLC:** The resolution was read. Ms. Kane gave a brief description of the development agreement and recommended approval. Motion by Mr. Ehrhardt, seconded by Mr. Lain, to approve Resolution 2019-04 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

**Announcements:** Mr. Snedecor asked if there was anyone who wished to address the Board and there was no response.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mr. Ehrhardt, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

  
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