

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
October 20, 2021**

Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag: Mr. Snedecor called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held with the building open to the public and a call-in number for remote public participation.

Roll Call: The following members were present: Mr. Lain, Mrs. Longer, and Mr. Snedecor. Also present: City Attorney McCarthy.

Reading of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of October 6, 2021 as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Correspondence: Mr. Lain commented on the concrete work being done in the City. He has received a lot of feedback for the great job being done. Mr. Snedecor also gave a shout out to our City Engineer, Phil Gralik for the diligence on overseeing the concrete work.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Tabled: Discussion: re: HPD General Order 19: Chief Zormier: FOP President, Steve Aponte was present. He stated that this order is part of recruitment and future recruitment and will allow HPD to compete with other departments in the hiring process. Officer Aponte also stated that all the surrounding city departments are offering this to their officers. In order to be considered for a take home car, the officer must have the rank of Master Patrolman. Officer Aponte will provide an updated proposal to the Board. This item will remain on the table.

Review/Update: Property Maintenance & Other Violations: re: 7197 Mississippi St., Marco Tamayo, Attorney Carrie Castro: Mr. Tamayo was present in person and Attorney Castro was present telephonically. Phil Gralik, City Engineer and Tim Kingsland, M4 Coordinator met on the property with them Monday. Mr. Gralik stated that Mr. Tamayo has done some grading and seeding, but the back slope of the property needs seeding very soon so it is stabilized for winter. There is an encroachment in the Wetlands is part of the IDEM and Corps of Engineers area. Phil stated that the areas need to be at least 70% grass and the property will be in compliance. Attorney Castro will be going out to the property tomorrow morning and will update Phil. Mr. Gralik will conduct another site visit on November 1, 2021 to update Board. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to continue this matter for review at the November 3, 2021 meeting and Mr. Tamayo is ordered to appear. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Update/Review: Unsafe Building/Sidewalk: Cagney's, re: 236 Main St: Jim Pappas, Managing Partner of Cagney's was present in person. Phil Gralik, City Engineer advised that he was still waiting on the report from the structural engineer. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Snedecor to continue this to the November 3, 2021 meeting unless the report is received sooner and if needed a special meeting could be scheduled. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) An update was requested regarding the rear corner of the building. Jim Pappas stated he will talk to his partner and let him know to get that information to the Board as he is handling this issue.

Request to plant Native tree in City easement: re: 1205 Lincoln St.: Jake Cseke: Mr. Cseke was present in person. He stated that he has confirmation from 6 homeowners to plant a total of 16 trees and 14 of those will be on the easement. Mr. Cseke is getting the trees from a non-profit called the Student Conservation Association as well as the US Forest Service. Mr. Cseke will meet with Public Works to help locate any sewage lines. He stated that 811 would also be called prior to any digging. The planting event is set for November 6, 2021. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the planting of the Native trees in the City easement with the diligence of working with Public Works in locating the city lines and the trees be planted 10-12 feet from the lateral. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

Request to put temporary banner in easement: re: 3550 E Lincoln Hwy.: Barbara Dragic-Grimsgard: Barbara was present telephonically. She stated that the banner was temporary and for advertisement for a job fair. This event will be on October 27, 2021 at The Avalon Manor from 2-5pm. The banner is a double sided and 3x5 in size and would be up from October 21st – October 27th. City Planner, Ross Pietrzak suggested that they apply for a Temporary Sign Permit. Mr. Snedecor also recommended that the sign be placed on the West side of the entrance on the easement, so it doesn't obstruct the vision of drivers. Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain to approve the temporary banner in the easement with the stipulation that the Temporary Sign Permit is obtained and that the permit fees be waived as this is for Workforce One. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Request to remove tree from easement: 9221 Norris Dr: Victoria Jostes: Mrs. Jostes, the homeowner was present in person. She stated that the tree is 20 years old and is at least 40 feet high. The roots are in the sidewalks which is causing the sidewalk to crack and raise. Mrs. Jostes has had the sidewalk repaired just this year for these issues. The City Arborist stated that the tree is not dead, dying, or a hazard and will not be removed by the City. The Arborist did state that the homeowner could obtain the proper permits and have the tree removed at her expense. It was discussed that the City wants information as to estimates for removal. Motion by Mr. Snedecor, seconded by Mr. Lain to continue this matter to the November 3, 2021 Board meeting to have time to obtain estimates for removal. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

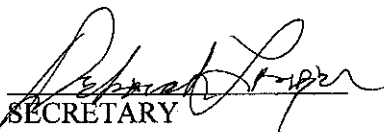
Landscape Plans: NE Corner of Liverpool Rd. and 69th Ave.: Northwind Crossings and Meadows Subdivision: Ross Pietrzak: City Planner, Ross Pietrzak stated that Parks Director, Kelly Goodpaster said she was happy with the new plan. Kelly suggested that the existing/remaining plants or trees should be removed and should be started over. This new plan includes all of these recommendations. Motion by Mr. Lain, seconded by Mrs. Longer to approve the Landscape Plans of the NE Corner of Liverpool Rd. and 69th Ave. as presented. All aye, motion carried. (3-0)

Announcements:

Mr. Snedecor asked that we keep the military and family of Colin Powell in our prayers for his passing.

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

Adjournment: Motion by Mrs. Longer, seconded by Mr. Lain, to adjourn the meeting. All aye, motion carried. (3-0) The meeting adjourned at 4:34p.m


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