

Huntertown Redevelopment Commission (RDC)

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**Minutes from the Huntertown Redevelopment Commission Meeting
Thursday May 4, 2023 via Town Hall**

Members present at the Town Hall: Brandon Siefert, Cole Mitchell and Rob Green. Also present were Beth Shellman, Huntertown Town Manager and Mary Anne Gates, Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly | KPC News Media. There were no other residents in the audience.

B. Seifert called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag was recited by all present.

Approval of Minutes:

1. A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes from the February 21, 2023 meeting (Rob G – Cole M). The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

New Business:

1. B. Seifert led a discussion on the purchase of ornamental street lights to be installed as part of the Woods Rd. widening project. A quote for two options – 12' or 14' tall poles with Acorn-style lights was presented and discussed. The Town Council was presented with this quote at their last meeting and several members would like to see other light options beside the Acorn-style. It was suggested that the lights recently installed on Dupont Rd. or Calhoun St. downtown be looked at for the light pattern and aesthetics. A further discussion will be held at the next RDC meeting.
2. B. Seifert led a discussion on the street light issues in the industrial park off Lima Rd. The current street lights are inefficient, have serious wiring issues, many do not work and all were in need of replacing. The President of the Lima Plank Industrial Park has been working with the Town Council and the other building owners on costing and funding to replace the lights. To date, 1/3 of the lights have already been replaced. The remaining 2/3 are being re-quoted and the new quotes

will be presented to the RDC for consideration for using TIF funding for part of the project.

3. B. Seifert led a discussion on purchasing one or more clock towers to be placed inside the TIF District. The exact location of where they might go is yet to be determined. Clock towers have been used in many locations as a focal point of reference for other towns. A website with options from one possible vendor was sent out for the RDC members to review. It was also suggested that the members look for other options and have information to present at the next RDC meeting.
4. B. Seifert led a discussion on making the new luxury garage project adjacent to the Copper Creek Development into a Single-Site TIF area. This is well within the rights of creating a TIF area and would allow the captured revenue from this project to help in future TIF projects. The RDC members were in favor of looking into this so Beth was going to contact Indianapolis Attorney Tom Pitman to obtain a timeline and cost estimate for him to work on creating a new single-site TIF district.
5. B. Seifert informed the RDC members that the pedestrian bridge considered for the Lima – Gump intersection has been approved for a Federal Grant. This would be an 80/20 split grant, with Huntertown paying the 20% portion. Engineering for the bridge would begin in 2027 with a tentative construction timeframe of 2030 – 2031.
6. Public Comment: (please keep to 3 minutes)
No comments received.

Adjournment: The next meeting of the RDC will tentatively be held in June to discuss the above items. There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded (Rob G – Cole M) that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was passed by unanimous vote at 5:10 p.m.



Rob Green,

RDC Secretary



Brandon Seifert,

RDC President