



Town of North Judson
Redevelopment Commission Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

The North Judson Town Council met in Regular Session at the North Judson Town Hall, 310 Lane Street, North Judson, IN on the above date and time with the following present: Commissioner Rowe, Commissioner Vice President Brown, Commissioner Banks, Lewandowski and Windbigler were able to attend. Town Manager Leszek and Clerk-Treasurer Rowe were also able to attend as well.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner President Rowe asked for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Vice President Brown moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion, and all council members present concurred.

Commission President Rowe asked for approval of the Minutes from the Meeting Minutes on April 21, 2025. Commissioner Vice President Brown moved to approve those Minutes. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion, and all Commission members present concurred.

Business

Town Park Improvements Project Phase II: LWCF Grant Application Consultant

Two main proposals are under review: one from Troyer Group and one from JPR. Both proposals cover similar services like conceptual/schematic design and grant application assistance. Leszek mentioned that a warranty walkthrough is planned to identify and correct issues under the original contract. Despite the final payment being made, Brown and Brown are still responsible for correcting any unresolved issues. Brown and Brown underperformed and will not be used again. Council President Rowe stated that the previous project went significantly over budget. The project was intended to be \$1,000,000 but ended up costing \$1,400,000. He emphasized learning from past budget planning failures and improving accuracy for future projects. There was also discussion about using in-kind labor to reduce costs. Leveraging local effort can help strengthen grant applications and reduce expenses.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to move forward with and approve the proposal from Troyer Group for the DNR LWCF Grant Application for Phase II of the Town Park Improvements Project. Commissioner Windbigler seconded the motion and all members present concurred.

The Commission discussed several conceptual project components and ideas for the second phase of the Park Project. Council President Rowe explained that they should make the Hidden Diamond playable by updating power, basic dugouts and fencing. He also mentioned that they could use some of the old picnic tables as seating near the field. There was also discussion about installing a gate to block the High Street entrance, restricting vehicle access during the off-season. This allows flexibility for community to use while limiting nuisance behavior. Clerk-Treasurer Rowe mentioned previous interest from residents in a non-traditional skate park, designed to blend into the park. Features would include grind-friendly edges, curbs, and slight terrain features. He mentioned that it could possibly include flower beds, seating, and naturalistic concrete elements. The Commission suggested that they would need to pursue preliminary designs and visualizations before deeper commitment. The Commission discussed improvements in adding more lighting/electricity to areas in the park as well as seating in order to make the park functional as a whole. They also discussed enhancements at the Dog Park and Trail Connectivity.

Rowe mentioned that he would be reaching out to Venita Cunningham regarding the Library's Storywalk. He explained that they would like to discuss moving the signposts from Norwayne Field to the new walking trail in the Town Park.

2025 Redevelopment Master Plan & Spending Plan Projects

Clerk-Treasurer Rowe noted that the Town will be required to have cameras and audio during all of their Council meetings before the July dateline. Rowe discussed having a single video board on a mobile stand. The unit would contain a camera and microphone that would capture the entire room. Table microphones would be added to the Council's tables as well. The system would integrate with a computer for livestreaming and also display agendas or visual materials. The setup can also be rotated for executive sessions or additional uses. Rowe stated that the quotes are still pending but they are planning to finalize and implement a system before the July deadline.

Leszek mentioned that the Little League had taken a look at old scoreboards that the town had stored away with the plan to install them at the main field and T-Ball. The issue is that the scoreboards are old, parts are limited, and rehab is around \$4,000 each. Leszek stated that the League has been looking at wireless scoreboards for \$5,000 apiece. The Little League is committed to raising a portion of the funds but have asked if the Town would be willing to contribute to part of the cost. He mentioned that there could also be some sponsorship and advertising opportunities. The Commission will explore possible co-funding and will review the topic in further detail.

Leszek stated that they must complete an environmental review 30 days prior to the lead time. They will also need to finalize a near-final plan before their grant submission and identify in-kind labor for grant match calculations.

Additional Business Deemed Necessary by the Council:

Nothing Presented.

Adjournment

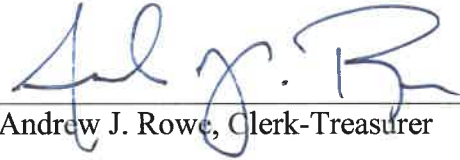
Commissioner Lewandowski moved to adjourn the meeting. Commission Vice President Brown seconded the motion, and all members present concurred.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

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John Rowe, Council President

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew J. Rowe', written over a horizontal line.

Andrew J. Rowe, Clerk-Treasurer