



Town of North Judson Redevelopment Commission
Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2024 – 6:15 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 President Rowe, Commissioner Vice President Brown, Commissioner Banks were able to attend. Clerk-Treasurer Rowe was also able to attend as well.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commission President Rowe asked for approval of the agenda. Commissioner 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 May 20, 2024. Commission Vice President Brown moved to approve those Minutes. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion, and all Commission members present concurred.

Business

DNR – LWCF Town Park Improvements Project: Project Update/ Troyer Invoicing

Town Manager Leszek stated that Brown and Brown are still working at the park. Most of the concrete has been finished but they are still leaving some curbing and a section of sidewalk open in order to avoid having the trucks drive over new sidewalks while the playground equipment is getting installed. Once the new playground equipment is assembled then they will comeback to complete the sidewalks. Leszek mentioned that people can now see how far the park has come along. He mentioned that the company was planning on placing the timbers this week and that they were looking to seal both the basketball and pickleball courts. Brown and Brown were also planning on finishing some miscellaneous things like leveling out fields and cleaning up. Leszek stated that once that is completed then they will be starting to work on the half mile walking trail. Brown and Brown have already started working on the trail but there will be a meeting held on Wednesday, June 19th, to discuss how it looks before they continue. Commission President Rowe was curious if there had been a complaint about the new courts. Leszek confirmed that Larry Arndt was concerned about a low spot on the pickleball court that created a puddle after a recent rain shower. Leszek confirmed that the puddle did dry up within a few hours and that he was going to discuss with the contractors about filling in the low spot and sealing it to help level out the court. Arndt was concerned that the court would hold water, but Leszek confirmed that the issue is being addressed. Leszek stated that the project is still on track and that the contractors believe they will be done with their portion by the end of July. Then

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the playground will start to be assembled and put into place. Once the playground is put in, Brown and Brown will come back to finish their portion of the sidewalks. Then it will be on to phase two of the Park Project.

Clerk-Treasurer Rowe presented the following: P.O. 2573 to Brown & Brown for Town Park Improvement Project Payment App No. 1, in the amount of \$235,461.73.

P.O. 2593 to Brown & Brown for Town Park Improvement Project Payment App No. 2, in the amount of \$274,578.04.

Commissioner Vice President Brown made a motion to approve: P.O. 2573 to Brown & Brown for Town Park Improvement Project Payment App No. 1, in the amount of \$235,461.73 and P.O. 2593 to Brown & Brown for Town Park Improvement Project Payment App No. 2, in the amount of \$274,578.04. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion, and all members present concurred.

Downtown Beautification Project

Clerk-Treasurer Rowe wanted to bring up the topic of Drive Clean Indiana program. He mentioned that they would discuss the topic in the regular meeting as well, but he wanted to start explaining some of the details. This would be a cost/share program that would help the Town get a new charging station for electric vehicles installed in the vicinity of Norwayne Field, near the highway intersection. Rowe stated that they have been working with the USDA who introduced them into an 80/20 program, and the USDA also believes there are grants that can help fund the Town's local match. Rowe stated that he included the Funding Share Commitment Letter and emails he had received about the program in the Commissioner's packets. He stated that he reached out to them to get an idea of how much this would cost the Town and their estimate was between \$4,000 and \$6,000 for the 20% cost. The Charging Station would be provided to the Town with installation cost and maintenance covered for five years. The other 80% will be covered by funding through the Indiana Office of Energy Department. This would put the Town on the map along with other charging stations of which there are few regionally. This way people will see that they can charge their vehicle at the park but also be able to enjoy our local businesses near the station while they wait for their vehicle to charge. He mentioned that he and Town Manager Leszek had been looking into the program and both believe it would be beneficial to the Town.

Additional Business Deemed Necessary by the Council:

Clerk-Treasurer Rowe stated we are still waiting on the trees from JRF Nursery, but he has not gotten a call back from them. The trees have been selected and purchased; it is just a matter of getting them here.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.



John Rowe, Council President

Attest:



Andrew J. Rowe, Clerk-Treasurer