



Town of North Judson Redevelopment Commission
Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2024 – 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 President Rowe, Commissioner Vice President Brown, Commissioner Banks and Lewandowski 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 June 17, 2024. Commission Vice President Brown moved to approve those Minutes. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion, and all Commission members present concurred.

Business

Vacancy Appointment

Commission President Rowe stated that James Young was no longer on the Redevelopment Commission and that, after assuming James' Council seat, Eric Lewandowski would be taking his place. Clerk-Treasurer Rowe stated that the Commission should, for posterity's sake, make a motion in order to appoint Lewandowski to the Commission.

Commissioner Brown made the motion to appoint Eric Lewandowski to the vacant position on the North Judson Redevelopment Commission. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion, and all commissioners present concurred.

Commission President Rowe questioned if they did the same process when Matt Brewer resigned from the Commission. Clerk-Treasurer Rowe was not sure and stated that they could make a motion to approve Linda Banks as a Commissioner if they felt inclined to do so.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to appoint Linda Banks to the seat on the Redevelopment Commission left vacant after the resignation of Matt Brewer retroactive to the date on which Banks assumed Brewer's Council seat. Commissioner Lewandowski seconded the motion, and all members present concurred.

DNR – LWCF Town Park Improvements Project: Project Update & Payment Application No. 3

Town Manager Leszek stated that he met with the contractors for the playground equipment last week. They will need to finish up their school projects before they are able to start on the Town Park's equipment. The contractors informed Leszek that the installation of the playground equipment should only take a week. The manufacturer came out to view the park and gave the go ahead for Brown and Brown to finish pouring all of the sidewalks. She stated that they had plenty of experience with the installation and that they would not affect the new sidewalks. Brown and Brown were pouring their last bits of concrete when they ran into a bit of an issue. They were a few feet off while they were pouring their sidewalk near pavilion one. They'll have to cut out the concrete and repour it in the proper place. Leszek stated that they are going to start preparing for the walking trail by the little league fields. Clerk-Treasurer Rowe asked if the walking trail crossings would have ADA transitions. Leszek confirmed that the walking trail would have them. He stated that the contractors reported that they believe the project would be wrapped up in September and that they were planning on being ahead of schedule, but they do have until October to complete the project.

Leszek reported that he was going to have a Utility crew member go out and make sure everything is cleaned up and presentable so that the Town could have a ribbon cutting ceremony. Clerk-Treasurer Rowe asked if they were planning on keeping the park closed off until the ceremony. Leszek stated that it would be hard to keep the park closed off since people were already using courts, but he would try to get the fence put around it temporarily. Leszek stated that the only thing that needs to be done for the courts was that the pickleball court needed its lighting put up and the basketball court needed the lines repainted. He did report that the basketball court had been vandalized. He explained that it looked like someone must have been hanging from the new baskets and the weight must have bent the bracket that is attached to the main post. Their contractor is going to call the manufacturer and see if they can get the bracket replaced under warranty. Leszek stated that everything else is still in good shape, but we do need to look into getting cameras that face the courts. Clerk-Treasurer Rowe stated that cameras should be a part of the project, but Leszek mentioned that there might not be enough to cover the whole park. He also spoke with Town Marshal Fisher about patrolling the park multiple times a day. He would like the deputies to start contacting some of the kids to inform them that there are cameras set up and that we will prosecute anyone who vandalizes the equipment. Fisher informed Leszek that she did find a couple teenagers on a golf cart messing with the dirt piles near the courts. She was able to run them out of the Park, but Leszek stated that the next time the Town will be pulling their golf cart permit. Leszek informed the Council that had been the only issue so far.

Rowe then presented the following:

P.O. 2617 to Brown and Brown General Contractors for Pay Application No.3, in the amount of \$89,718.88.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the following:

P.O. 2617 to Brown and Brown General Contractors for Pay Application No.3, in the amount of \$89,718.88.
Commissioner Lewandowski seconded the motion, and all members present concurred.

Rowe presented the following:

P.O. 2596 to Troyer Group for Bidding and Construction Administration, Invoice 58290, in the amount of \$2,030.00.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the following:

P.O. 2596 to Troyer Group for Bidding and Construction Administration, Invoice 58290, in the amount of \$2,030.00.

Commissioner Banks seconded the motion, and all members present concurred.

Downtown Beautification Projects

Clerk-Treasurer Rowe stated he and Lewandowski discussed adding trees to the downtown area. Both of them agreed that the trees can change the whole look of the area. Commissioner Rowe suggested this would be a good topic to discuss with James Young and that they will be looking to get Young in contact with John Howard to re-engage the Main Street Committee. Leszek mentioned that once the Committee is engaged that could be a really good group to organize ideas for the downtown area. Clerk-Treasurer Rowe also mentioned that it would be nice if building and business owners from downtown would join so that they could give their input. He also wanted to bring up short-term projects like designing new banners for the Town for early 2025 projects.

Additional Business Deemed Necessary by the Council:

Commissioner Banks informed the Commission that the Dog Park trees have finally been planted.

Adjournment

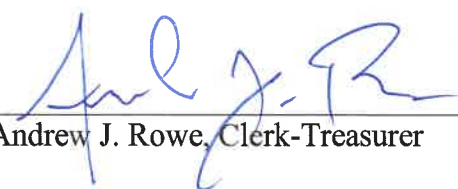
Commissioner Vice President Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion, and all members present concurred.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 P.M.



John Rowe, Council President

Attest:



Andrew J. Rowe, Clerk-Treasurer