



Town of North Judson Redevelopment Commission
Meeting Minutes

March 17, 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 President Rowe, Commissioner Vice President Brown, Commissioner Banks, 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.

Commission President Rowe asked for approval of the agenda. Commission 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 February 17, 2025. Commission Vice President Brown moved to approve those Minutes. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion, and all Commission members present concurred.

Business

Town Park Improvements Projects – Phase II

Clerk-Treasurer Rowe stated that a Request for Proposal (RFP) is to be advertised in the newspaper. He explained that the notification must be submitted by March 19th in order for it to be published in the March 27th newspaper. The Council agreed to April 7th as the deadline to receive all proposals. Then they will review the proposals for the April 21st Redevelopment Commission meeting. The decision will need to be finalized by the end of April or early May. The second phase of the project will be focusing on restoring the hidden diamond area, with potential for disc golf and other park features. The Council discussed matching grants and in-kind labor to help offset some of the costs of Phase II. Leszek stated that they would be able to use CCMG funds to reduce paving costs as CCMG covers 80%. He informed the Council that six roads and the Main Street sidewalks would be paved this coming spring. They would be able to pave the park in 2028 under CCMG to maximize funding efficiency. The Council emphasized the need for creativity in both funding and design, considering community involvement, donations, and efficient project phasing to maximize their budget.

2025 Redevelopment Master Plan & Spending Plan Projects

The Council considered focusing on smaller, more manageable projects first, such as improving the half-mile trail around the dog park and baseball fields. There was some discussion of cost concerns regarding the disc golf project. Town Manager Leszek estimated the project will be around \$60,000.00 to \$100,000.00 given the relatively simple infrastructure required.

Leszek informed the Council that they were awarded \$15,000.00 in grants to help fund the Downtown Beautification. They received \$5,000.00 from the Starke County Community Foundation and \$10,000.00 from the Hardesty Foundation. They plan to use this grant money to purchase trash cans, benches, banners, picnic tables, and planters for downtown. Leszek and Rowe would be sending different options to the Council.

Council Vice President Brown made a motion to approve the ordering of the items for the Downtown Beautification. Councilmember Windbigler seconded the motion, and all members present concurred.

Additional Business Deemed Necessary by the Council:

Nothing Presented.

Adjournment

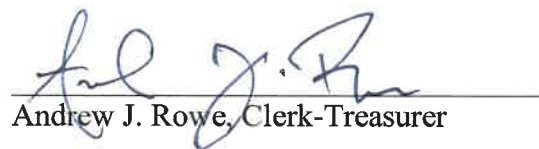
Commissioner Lewandowski moved to adjourn the meeting. Commission Vice President Brown seconded the motion, and all members present concurred.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 P.M.



John Rowe, Council President

Attest:



Andrew J. Rowe, Clerk-Treasurer