

Burns Harbor Redevelopment Commission Minutes of Wednesday, January 29, 2020

The Redevelopment Commission of the Town of Burns Harbor, Porter County, Indiana met in a Special session on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 in the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Redevelopment Commission President, Eric Hull at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.

Roll Call:

Commissioner Biancardi (Toni).....	Present
Commissioner Bozak (Roseann)	Present
Commissioner Enslin (Brad)	Present
Commissioner Hull (Eric)	Present
Commissioner Loving (Nick)	Absent
Commissioner Stone (Ronald) (non-voting member)....	Absent

Additional Officials Present

Karnerblue Era-Consultant -Tina Rongers
SEH of Indiana-Glenn Peterson
Recording Secretary-Marge Falbo

Others Present

Sarah Oudman

New Business

Marquette Greenway Trail Corridor Clearing Bid Award

Commissioner Hull says the bid meeting was held on January 17, 2020 and all bids were to be received at the Town by 10:00am on January 27, 2020. We received one bid that met all the qualifications and that was Homer Tree Service, Inc., at \$164,024.00. Commissioner Biancardi says we did not receive any other bids because this is a bigger project that local companies don't necessarily do and we're on a super tight timeline. I think these things probably prohibited them from making an application. However, going forward whenever possible I think we should let people know well in advance and try to bring in locals. Commissioner Bozak says Justin's Tree Service contacted me and asked to keep them in mind for other projects. This one was just too big for them to handle. Commissioner Hull says regarding grading can we separate out some of the different packages. Peterson of SEH says it probably makes sense to have the same company that comes in and does the paving do the subgrade and all the grading for that. Then at that point you could look at bidding out a separate landscape contract and that way you could get some more local people involved with ditch grading and planting seed. That is something we can definitely look at as we move forward. Commissioner Biancardi says it has to be feasible and not add extra cost, but I think when possible we should try to make that happen. Oudman from the audience says isn't there a certification process or something they have to go through in order to work on this type of government program? Commissioner Hull says they have to submit documents. Oudman says if we somehow let the local people know that if they are interested in the future, these are the things you need to have ready to provide so that they can do that quick turnaround. Commissioner Hull says the biggest thing for the locals is going to be the certified balance statements that they have to provide. Oudman says some of them can do that but they have to have enough time. Commissioner Biancardi says I think this project just didn't lend itself to that. Peterson of SEH says it's specialty work--it's not just taking down a tree alongside the road. It's one of these things where Indiana State Form 96 is the bid form for this. Nothing in that has all their financials and all their equipment and everything like that. Most companies that do public work do have that readily available to them.

Commissioner Biancardi makes a motion to the award the bid to Homer Tree Service, Inc. at \$164,024.00. Commissioner Enslin seconded the motion. Commissioner Bozak–Aye, Commissioner Biancardi–Aye, Commissioner Enslin–Aye, Commissioner Hull–Aye. Motion passed.

Commissioner Biancardi says the monies that will cover that—is that all going to be Grant money upfront. Rongers says the tree clearing is part of the construction scope under Next Level Trails. Next Level Trails are able to draw down in phases. Construction is our 3rd phase. So, we have to make sure that we have drawn down the monies in Phase 1 and 2 before the State is going to release that money. At this point, that \$164,024.00 will be upfront through Local and then I can get back with you the details on how much can be covered under Next Level Trails. The Next Level Trails is the Governor’s program and they are willing to look at the project and make decisions as long as we’re keeping with what the Grant asked for. We will do our best to maximize what we can get, but again at this point, I don’t have a specific dollar amount for you. There are a couple of steps before we can get there. Peterson of SEH says I can just run through a quick ballpark on that. We’re bidding out all three phases of the tree clearing and of that the Next Level Trail portion is approximately 50% of the trees. So, we would be looking at roughly \$82,000 to cover the Phase 3 portion. The other two phases aren’t going to be reimbursable, but the Next Level Trails piece will be. Commissioner Hull says eventually they may be when CMAC pays which is in three years. Peterson of SEH says a breakdown—roughly per tree clearing cost is (and this just based on tree clearing) \$750 per tree to be removed. That didn’t include the other trees that were also less than six inches that we’re still clearing out of the corridor to get it prepped. There are other cost savings that you’re looking at by doing this project now rather than later. It’s not out of the question if there’s a fifty-inch tree that needs to be removed on this project could probably cost \$5,000 to \$10,000 by itself to remove if you were to do it that way. Commissioner Hull says my question would be, once they get the tree clearing done, we’ll have a Trail of some sort. There will be a Trail you could follow. Peterson of SEH says there will be a Trail, yes, and that’s an event you might look at for some time in the Spring is a Trail Preview Day. Commissioner Biancardi says we should get pictures before the trees are cleared.

Hull says just something for you to think about for the next time we meet is going to be the Trail alignment in front of the Town Hall and Boo Road to get from here to Haglund because we need to have solution for that.

Adjournment

Commissioner Bozak makes a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Enslin seconded the motion. Commissioner Biancardi–Aye, Commissioner Enslin–Aye, Commissioner Bozak–Aye, Commissioner Hull–Aye. Motion passed.

The meeting concluded at 7:13 p.m.

APPROVED on February 12, 2020

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
FOR THE TOWN OF BURNS HARBOR

Eric Hull, President

Brad Enslin, Vice President

Toni Biancardi, Secretary

Roseann Bozak

Nick Loving

ATTEST:

Marge Falbo, Recording Secretary