



CITY OF PORTAGE  
**REDEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
January 24, 2019

Mr. Lach called the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**Members Present:** Commissioners Mr. Steve Nelson, Mr. Greg Lach, and Mr. John Cannon, and Mr. Mark Oprisko

**Members Absent:** Mayor James Snyder

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of December 6, 2018. Mr. Oprisko seconded the motion.

4 yes 0 nays

Mr. Oprisko made a motion to approve the claims presented to the RDC for December 2018 and January 2019, adding invoices from Great Lakes Engineering to the January docket in the amount of \$5,700.00. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion.

4 yes 0 nays

**STAFF REPORTS:**

Colin Highlands:

- Reported a mid-May completion date for the Open-Air Pavilion.
- Reported the Central Avenue demolitions are progressing as planned.
- Reported that the final plat regarding the Little Cal Seawall collapse is due 1/29/19.
- Reported that an agreement was reached with the owners of the Panuicka property. The owners will vacate no later than 2/13/19.
- Reported that the closing was held for 5440 Melton Road.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

• Mr. Lach entertained a motion to retain the current RDC officers and they are as follows:

James Snyder – President  
Greg Lach – Vice President  
Secretary – John Cannon

Mr. Oprisko voiced his opposition to Mayor Snyder as president of the Commission. Mr. Nelson so moved. Mr. Cannon seconded the motion.

3 yes 1 nay (Oprisko)

• Mr. Lach entertained a motion to approve the following consultants, the annual Cender & Co. contract and staff appointments and they are as follows:

Gregory Sobkowski/Hodges & Davis – Attorney  
Cender & Co. – Financial Advisor  
John Hannon/Great Lakes Engineering – Engineer

**President**

James E. Snyder  
*Mayor*

**Vice President**

Greg Lach  
*ZE Design*

**Secretary**

John Cannon  
*City Councilperson*

**Members**

Elizabeth Modesto  
*City Councilperson*

Steven A. Nelson

**Advisors**

Colin Highlands  
*Administration*

Gregory Sobkowski  
*City of Portage Attorney*

Lynn Reed  
*Recording Secretary*

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(Appointments continued)

Lynn Reed – Recording Secretary  
Colin Highlands – Administrator

Mr. Oprisko so moved. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion.

4 yes 0 nays

- Bids for the demolition of 5439 Central Avenue were opened and are as follow:

1. Actin, LLC	\$59,790
2. Austgen Equipment	\$144,324
3. GE Marshall	\$70,500
4. Industrial & Environmental Services	\$59,415
5. JM Industrial	\$88,400
6. KLF Enterprises	\$52,717

Mr. Lach entertained a motion to take the bids under advisement. Mr. Nelson so moved. Mr. Oprisko seconded the motion.

4 yes 0 nays

- Mr. Lach entertained a motion to authorized staff to seek appraisals for a parcel located in Founder's Square.

Mr. Nelson so moved. Mr. Oprisko seconded the motion.

4 yes 0 nays

- Mr. Lach entertained a motion to authorize staff to issue notice of sale for the Founder's Square parcel upon receipt of appraisals. Mr. Nelson so moved. Mr. Oprisko seconded the motion.

4 yes 0 nays

- Mr. Lach entertained a motion to authorize staff to seek quotes to retrofit lights at the Marina. Mr. Highlands advised that the cost should be approximately \$50,000. Mr. Oprisko so moved. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion.

4 yes 0 nays

- Mr. Highlands would like permission to have the RDC participate in a grant to help fund the extension of the Marquette Greenway Trail. This program would be in collaboration with Burns Harbor. The State would pay 80% or \$3.5 million dollars. The RDC would have to agree to pay \$700,000 over the next 2 to 3 years. Mr. Lach entertained a motion to approve matching funds for this project. Mr. Oprisko so moved. Mr. Cannon seconded the motion.

4 yes 0 nays

- Mr. Lach entertained a motion to take the 2019 RDC Budget under advisement. Mr. Oprisko so moved.

Mr. Cannon seconded the motion.

4 yes 0 nays

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Cannon made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Oprisko seconded the motion.

4 yes 0 nays