

Thirty Nine North Conservancy District
Board Meeting
June 5, 2020

Board Present

John Knoll

Ed Arnold

Mark Childress

Jim Laughlin

Meeting by Zoom

Staff Present

Shaw Friedman

Jeffrey Haw

Public Present

Ken Ucho

President Knoll called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the May meeting were reviewed. Mark Childress moved to accept the minutes as presented. Ed Arnold seconded and all voted in favor.

The financial report was reviewed. Ed Arnold moved to accept as presented, Mark Childress seconded and all voted in favor.

Bills for payment were presented. Ed Arnold moved to have normal and customary bills be paid as received, Mark seconded and all voted in favor.

Old Business:

Shaw Friedman: Krie/Devault is working on an inquiry with the Indiana Finance Authority and Mary Jane Thomas with the EPA for grants available for our Water Tower project. However, all state business has been put hold unless Covid-19 related since the Covid problem came forth. S At this point we are trying to retain relationships to move on this, but nothing is moving except Covid concerns. Ed Arnold made a motion to retain the payment to K/D at this time until we have some kind of report from them, since none has been forthcoming in all the time since our initial discussion meeting. Mark Childress seconded and all voted in favor.

Attorney Friedman spoke about a Lifeline fund notice that is just out, encouraging all to talk to others/apply for this help to retain jobs in local small businesses. Any County small business can apply. Currently there are 7 applications for the 25 available loans.

Ed Arnold reported for Aradise Productions. We now have a dedicated server which give security. And better service. Clerk Knoll is reminded to send

the minutes for publication. There has been a lot of activity on our Social Media site.

Ed Arnold continued with a discussion about the dry hydrant. This hydrant would be protection for all of us. He would suggest that we modify the design for the hydrant accessibility to go also to the hotel and the proposed assisted living project.

Ed also related that it appears that the ISO of the Center Township Fire Department is down.

Attorney Friedman discussed that a group needs to sit down with Randy Novak and the Development and Building Commissions to convince them that the current dry hydrant works technically. Does anyone vouch for the effectiveness? Jeffrey Haw from V/S Engineering related that dry hydrants are common in the Indianapolis area. Shaw Friedman continued that we need other Indiana Fire Chiefs to state their agreement as a workable way to provide a water source for emergency use.

Jim Laughlin related that it looks like a plus to the system and looked for clarification about Radtke Engineering being paid for plans to have one place to use the dry hydrant and the request to change the design so that the hotel and new living facility could be served by another line. After some discussion Mark Childress made a motion that Mr. Arnold – developer for the Assisted Living Facility should commit \$2000.00 and the District portion should not be over \$4000.00 to engineer the change in design, and we would move forward. Second by Jim Laughlin, All voting in favor. Reminder was given that the suggested price range for the dry hydrant project to be constructed was \$15,000.00.

Jeffrey Haw will try to look for testimonials for use of dry hydrants from his Indianapolis contacts, and technical journals, and will do the rework of the design.

Jeffrey Haw continued with the odor control project report. He has given the revised plan for the placement of the aeration device to the Sewer Department for approval but has heard nothing from them.

Jeffrey haw asked for the signing of the task form to be done so that billing may be done on the general engineering. Mark Childress moved to have the task form signed, Jim Laughlin seconded and all voted in favor.

Questions were asked about the scope of some of the upcoming road construction projects that are popping up. Jeffrey will contact the INDOT office to

make sure our in-road assess points are protected and raised when the projects are done.

Jeffrey Haw reported on the Shady Grove project. Though they have not done much in this time of the Covid-19 problems there are now plans for a commercial building listed as 9000 square feet on the Shady Grove property which will have access via highway 20. It is all within the Annexation. Plans are in process and will come to the District.

V/S will be relocating their office to a new location soon. They will be at 412 Perry St. which is on the West side of the bridge by LesLab.

Discussion was held to confirm the meeting dates coming up. We will continue with the dates which were originally listed: July 10 and then September 4th.

Clerk Knoll asked the Board for input on the budget we must soon formulate. Do we have any projects that we need to plan funding for?

Jim Laughlin was asked about whether or not he thinks there is a category that the water tower project could fit under with the La Porte Health Care Foundation. Would there be a "healthfulness" category that we could use to apply for healthy water quality and safe distribution for the District?

Motion to adjourn by Jim Laughlin, second by Mark Childress, all voting in favor.

Next meeting July 10, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Knoll, Financial Clerk