

**TOWN OF PORTER**  
**Redevelopment Commission Meeting**  
**303 Franklin Street**  
October 27, 2009

**Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Present:** President Mike Genger, Jon Granat, Bruce Snyder, Trevin Fowler, and Ron Stone

**Absent:** Vice President Al Raffin at time of roll call, but was in attendance.

Also present: Attorney Patrick Lyp, Director of Engineering Matt Keiser, and Secretary Karen Spanier.

**Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Motion to approve minutes of the September 22, 2009 meeting as presented was made by Bruce Snyder; second by Jon Granat.

Motion passed 4-0

**Consideration of Claim Docket**

Bruce Snyder made the motion to approve the October claim docket in the amount of \$30,917.27, with Trevin Fowler making the second. Motion passed 4-0.

**Audience Participation**

None

**Reports**

Mr Keiser stated the Orchard Pedestrian Way revisions are nearly ready to submit for approval, and we are awaiting the revised engineering cost from Haas & Associates.

He also stated the Trails Conference he attended was very informative; topics included ways to fund maintenance of the Trails.

At the last meeting the bridge for the Brickyard Trail Hwy 20 crossing was discussed but no formal action was taken. Mr. Keiser presented the Commission with two options; the cost difference between the two would be minima.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Snyder made the motion to approve the steel bridge with the steel fabricated enclosed roof canopy.

Mr. Granat made the second. Motion carried; 4-0.

**Old Business**

The RDA Update has been tabled to next month's meeting.

**New Business**

Mr. Keiser announced the Commission has looked into purchasing the old Brickyard Property, located on Beam Street with 31.35 acres. The Town applied for a Grant for Stimulus Funds for a new Fire Station and would receive more bonus points if the Town already owed the land. Mr. Keiser stated the Brickyard has such significant history in the Town; it would be an ideal location for the new Fire Station.

After a previous executive session, Attorney Lyp was asked to contact the Realtor and from there an appraisal, title work and a Phase 2 environmental assessment were completed.

Mr. Snyder made the motion to approve the purchase of the Brickyard property; subject to Attorney's review of the documents; approval for Mr. Genger to participate and sign all documents at closing and upon Mr. Genger's approval permission for the Redevelopment Secretary to issue the check in the amount of \$350,000.00 plus closing costs.

Mr. Fowler made the second.

Motion approved, 4-0

AJ Monroe with SEH presented the Commission with conceptual plans for the Brickyard Development, which could include along with the Fire Station townhomes, row houses, single family homes, and senior citizen units all which would surround a central park area. Additional land could also be held in reserve for future municipal use if needed, all would be centrally located to the Down Town area and Yost School.

Mr. Monroe stated the Town currently is not receiving any tax revenues from this vacant piece of property, but once development is complete the estimated revenue could be \$305,000.00.

Mr. Genger stated the plans that SEH have presented are exciting and a great opportunity for future generations and thanked Mr. Monroe for a great job.

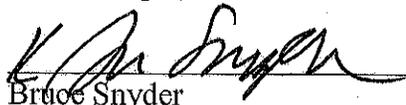
**Commission Comments**

None

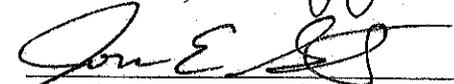
Motion to adjourn was made by Jon Granat, with Trevin Fowler making the second.

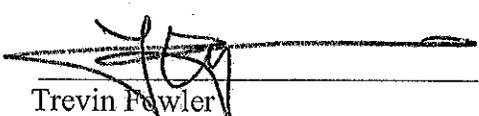
Meeting Adjourn. 6:42 p.m.

  
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Bruce Snyder

  
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Albert Raffin, Vice-President

  
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Attest:   
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Karen Spanier, Secretary