

**Redevelopment Commission Meeting
Wednesday, October 8, 2025 · 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers · Ligonier City Hall
301 South Cavin Street · Ligonier, Indiana**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Commission President John Mangona

Roll Call

Members Present: John Mangona, David Cisney, Bryan Shearer, Chris Fought, Mayor Earle Franklin and Joe Hutsell
Also Present: City Attorney Laura Kaufman, and Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2025

Motion to approve: David Cisney

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Approval of APV Register from September 2025

Motion to approve: Bryan Shearer

Second: David Cisney

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Countryscapes – Veteran’s Memorial Change Order #4 – Landscaping

The initial Veteran’s Memorial Project did not include landscaping. Countryscapes provided a quote and drawing for the addition of landscaping, including grass, trees, hedges, and flowers. The total cost is \$14,100.00.

Motion to approve: Bryan Shearer

Second: David Cisney

Vote: All Ayes

Agustin Bonilla (200 Lincolnway West) – Façade Grant Request

Agustin Bonilla submitted a façade grant request for improvements to his property at 200 Lincolnway West, specifically for new windows. He provided multiple quotes, with the lowest being \$15,390.50. A 50% grant would be in the amount of \$7,695.25.

Motion to approve: David Cisney

Second: Earle Franklin

Vote: All Ayes

Potential Changes to Façade Grant Program

The board discussed potential updates to the existing façade grant program. It was noted that if the per-project maximum is increased, additional budget allocation will be necessary.

Under the current guidelines, the maximum award per project is \$15,000 and the budget is \$50,000 per year.

Motion to increase the maximum award per project to \$20,000 and the annual program allocation to \$75,000:

Chris Fought

Second: David Cisney

Vote: All Ayes

Board Member Comments

David Cisney

Provided an update regarding the vacant BRC property. The interested parties who previously attended a meeting have indicated their project is still progressing. They intend to purchase the property, and when ready, a meeting will be scheduled with Baker Tilly for further discussion.

Mayor Franklin

- Provided an update on the City's housing development project, noting that the City met with Club 720 for an update. Some issues have arisen with the potential developer, and the City will begin the process of interviewing new developers.
- There have been delays with the READI funds process and uncertainty about the amount that may ultimately be available.
- A follow-up meeting with Club 720 and Be Noble is scheduled for Friday, and additional information is expected at that time.
- It was noted that some of the delays may ultimately benefit the overall project.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: David Cisney

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

ATTEST:



Bryan Shearer, Secretary


John Mangona, President

Date Approved: 11-12-2025


Barbara Hawn, Clerk-Treasurer/Recording Secretary