



## May 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes 05/05/2020

- **Present:** Reba Casler, Rick Homkes, Jill Newby
- **Absent:** Janna Hyman, Matt Johnson, Erica Parvin
- **Meeting Started:** 7:00 P.M.
- **Minutes:** No minutes for February meeting, Erica absent. March and April meetings were cancelled.
- **Treasurers Report:** Rick presented the Treasurer's Report
- **Old Business:**
  - RTP Fundraising
    - We have not sold any more bricks.
  - Community Center – The Community Center has been closed for two months due to the Corona Virus. It is rented every weekend in June, if it is allowed to be open subject to Governor Holcomb's decrees.
  - Foundation Grant – art and signage update. Rick reported that the interpretive signs are ready to be installed. He had previously talked to Ideal Fencing to do the installation, but cannot get them to respond to him now. Rick is going to try one more time to reach them before looking into other possibilities. There is a hold on the art work part of the project due to the Corona Virus causing IU Kokomo classes to be cancelled.
  - Eagle Scout Project – The father of the Eagle Scout candidate contacted Jill Newby to say he is not sure if they should go through with the project. Jill told him that Jeff Davidson had volunteered to do the ground work and also try to get Martin Marietta to donate sand for the volleyball court. Mr. Amaya was happy to hear that news and was going to contact Mr. Davidson. Megan Reel gave Mr. Davidson Mr. Amaya's phone number. Jill Newby will follow up with Mr. Amaya to see if he made contact with Mr. Davidson and what was decided.
  - Playground and Shelter project. There was a discussion as to whether or not we could apply for the DNR grant which is due in June of 2020. It was decided that there was no way to raise the money which is due at the time of application. All fundraisers have been shut down because of the Corona Virus. People are donating their money to that cause at this time. Also with schools being shut down, there is no way to have contact with large number of people to inform them of the fundraiser.
  - Installation of new piece of playground equipment in the Brady Park section of the Russiaville Town Park. Jill Newby was going to make sure that the installation cost included removing the old equipment. She also was going to ask if they could bring the equipment with them when they installed it which would save the town guys from having to pick it up.
  - Benches from bottle caps – a date had been set up in March for the caps to be sorted and bagged by Mrs. Metcalf's Environmental Club at Western High School. Due to the Corona Virus and school being closed, this was cancelled.
  - Color Run Fundraiser for Benches at CC Park on May 1. This was cancelled until a further date, probably fall, due to the Corona Virus.



- Community Day – Western’s Senior Class annual give back to the Community day was cancelled due to the Corona Virus and school being closed.

➤ **NEW BUSINESS**

- Budget for 20/21 – Some items mentioned were playground equipment replacement, more cameras due to vandalism, \$50,000 as seed money to start playground/shelter project, and \$5,000 for sound baffles for the Community Center.
- Around the Town Trail Proposal – Rick Homkes sent us a map showing the proposed trail. We discussed the history of the proposed trail and the fact that it would be funded by the Community Foundation.
- New Park and Tree Board member – due to the fact that Ashley Wyrick resigned her position on the board, we need to find a replacement. Rick suggested finding someone younger and had two suggestions that we will look into.
- Rick is purchasing 3 black chokeberry bushes to replace three that had died from the bushes donated from Salsbury Landscaping. They should be planted this week.
- Two trees in the Russiaville Town Park have been damaged possibly from a lawn mower roll bar bracket.
- The Russiaville Community Outreach fundraiser for the Community Foundation Endowments was completed. The coin boxes raised ~\$160 and this was then matched by the RCO. Money was donated into the Gene Parks fund (50%) and the two Cemetery Funds for New London and Russiaville (50%).
- The three pollinator gardens have been weeded, but some spreading new mulch would probably be better.
- The P&T Board was on the Russiaville Library Facebook page with a haiku about trees.

➤ **Adjourned at 8:03 P.M.**

- Minutes taken by Jill Newby