



January 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes 01/09/2020

- **Present:** Rick Homkes, Jill Newby
- **Absent:** Reba Casler, Janna Hyman, Matt Johnson, , Erica Parvin, Ashley Wyrick
- **Meeting Started:** 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, 1/9/2020
- **Minutes:** No minutes, Erica absent
- **Treasurers Report:** Rick presented the Treasurer's Report
- **Old Business:**
 - RTP Fundraising Update- nothing new to report
 - Community Center Cleaning – The floor scrubber was discussed. Of great concern is who we will get to provide the labor. Rick and Jill discussed the possibility of renting a scrubber to determine the amount of time and work it would take to do the job and if we could hire someone to provide the labor. We thought renting one this spring would be a good idea.
 - Foundation Grant – Art and signage update. Signs are completed but Ideal Fencing said it was too late in the season to install them. Rick also ordered signs for the flower gardens similar to those for the trees. Rick is also going to make a new distance marker to replace one that was vandalized. Rick is in charge of contacting IU Kokomo art department to finish off our grant and he said he will get started on contacting them soon.
 - Eagle Scout Projects – Volley ball court at Community Center Park. No new information at this time. Jill will contact Kendra Metcalf concerning her student who is the Scout who wants to do the project. Rick said he had another possible Eagle Scout project that would involve putting a little free library for the Russiaville Library. Because of the departure of Trina Evans the project has been deterred to First Baptist Church
 - Shelter – Rick and Jill discussed that reserving the shelter would be done through Megan at the Town Hall. If a party is renting the Community Center and they also want to reserve the Shelter, they must do it through Megan.
 - Replace piece of equipment in Brady Park section of Russiaville Town Park. Rick and Jill discussed keeping the color options the same as the newer piece of equipment in the main section of Russiaville Town Park. Installation was discussed and the fact that it will be harder to get any necessary equipment into Brady Park because of the fencing. There will need to be three pieces of existing equipment taken out to accommodate the new piece.
- **New Business:**
 - Accomplishments and Goals – Rick shared the list he compiled of the Park and Tree Boards Accomplishments and Goals for the past year. He will be sharing it with the Town Council at their January meeting.
 - Benches from bottle caps – Rick and Jill discussed the fact that there is only one place in Indiana, possibly the world, which makes recycled benches from bottle caps. It is located in Evansville Indiana and their program stipulates that children must be heavily involved in the entire process. The age of child can be preschool through college. We will be working with Western



High School's Environmental Club on this project. They are collecting bottle caps. We also have generously been offered a large amount of bottle caps from the Kokomo Recycling Center. It is possible to not only get park benches, but also picnic tables which could possibly be used at the shelter that will be built at Community Center Park. There was further discussion about placing benches in other areas throughout our community. Jill will contact Tricia Harlow to get further information about this project.

- DNR grant for shelter and playground – Rick and Jill discussed the possibility and feasibility of applying for a DNR grant. There is a June deadline and the grant involves a lengthy and time consuming process to complete.
 - Sound Baffles for Community Center – tabled until February meeting
 - Budget for next year – tabled until February meeting
- Adjourned at 8:30 P.M.
- Minutes taken by Jill Newby