



Russiaville Park and Tree Board

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2025

Members

Present: Jill Newby, Rick Homkes, Janna Hyman, Cheri Helmberger, Jeremy Burns, Town Council Liaison Pat Reel

Absent: Reba Casler, Erica Parvin

Guests: None

Meeting Started: 6:00 p.m.

Topics

- **Minutes:** Rick read December 2024 Minutes. Janna made a motion to accept minutes as read, Cheri seconded. Motion carried 4-0 in favor. January regular meeting was cancelled due to other community commitments and illnesses.
- **Treasurers Report:** Pat commented that \$25,000.00 has been placed into an independent account to be called Community Center Building Budget. Money will be used to cover expenses of the building's needs.to cover costs and repairs (Town Council). \$1000.00 added to Park Rehab account from American Water

Old Business

Community Center Park Playground:

- **DNR Grant** - According to DNR the grant announcement has be delayed indefinitely. Great disappointed is felt by board members, given our feelings of obligation to the donors as of today. Rick is putting out an informational message to the Russiaville community about what his happening with the grant.

- **Contingency Plan** - Jill prompted discussion for the board's thoughts. Board then discussed DNR rules regarding the start of any project before grant approval.

Town Park

- **Damaged Picnic Table** – Unknown what is going on with second youth, and payment.

Other Old Business

- **Arbor Day Poster Contest** - Jeremy and Cheri volunteered to contact and promote this project to Intermediate School staff.
- **Community Day – 2025** - Dates set April 24th, with April 25 as the rain date. Jill asked for volunteers and of any projects known to be done. Jeremy, Janna, and Rick volunteered to Supervise. Cheri donated the use of her golf cart. Reba will be contacting Senior citizens for job lists.

New Business

- **Russiaville Library Story Walk and Tree Give Away**- Story Walk donated to the community by Laurie's efforts. Goal, to set up the Walk in the Community Center Park. Discussion as to where and when to install will continue after board has been able to see what the Walk looks like. Also, on April 25th at 6 pm a Tree Give-Away will be held. Trees donated are Red Maple and Red Bud.

Meeting Adjourned – Rick made the motion, Jeremy seconded. Motion carried 4-0 in favor.