

## August 2017 Minutes

### Members:

- Present: Beth Davis, Reba Casler, Rick Homkes, Jill Newby, Laura Redding, Kyle Parvin
- Absent: Matt Johnson, Erica Parvin, Sabrina Vary, Josh Welch, Ashley Wyrick
- Guests: Megan Reel, Pat Reel (arrived late), Dave Kieser (left early)
- Meeting started at 5:30 PM on 8/1/2017 at the Town Hall

### Topics:

- Town Park – Structure Replacement: Newby brought up several options for discussion. A single large structure was not practical because of the cost of getting commercial grade equipment. Homkes reviewed the budget of \$2500 from Park Rehab allocation and \$2500 from Parks Fund Balance (Gene Parks) for \$5K total. Homkes suggested using more money from fund balance. No support was offered. Options discussed were all from playworld.com. Individual items were Wacky Log (\$2616), Critter Crossing (\$987), Monorail (\$2089), Flip-flop (\$3162), and the Rock (\$1884). Parvin mentioned that the monorail is most sought playground piece at the school where he works. After some discussion the consensus was to buy two pieces of equipment totaling ~4K, with shipping bring total to \$5K. Tentative choice was Critter Crossing and Flip-flop. Kieser reported that one of his ex-employees now works for a playground equipment company and he would check with her. Installation cost was left open. Homkes needs to check placement distance available.

**Action Item:** Newby will talk with Erica Parvin, develop some better pricing and make a recommendation to the Council.

- RTP Trail Construction: Dave Kieser handed out a Gantt chart of the project and reviewed the tasks. He reported that they are ahead of schedule even with the need for an additional environmental clearance. Because there are multiple property owners involved, the project was upgraded from a Category Exclusion 1 (CE1) to a CE2. This means that an archeological survey will have to be done. He further reported that the staking for the survey had been done today and the survey should be started next week.
- Community Center Use: M Reel reported that the change in rates has been approved by the Council. Discussion followed on web updates, kitchen cleanliness, and checklists. Use of the 50% damage deposit for emergency cleaning was discussed and approved by all. Discussion of who is responsible for checking after renting. The situation of having two renters in one day was discussed. Reel reported that both renters know of the other. Casler volunteered to check between renters. Pat Reel recommended that three thermostat covers be purchased to prevent renters from changing the temperatures. Apparently there have been times when the building was being cooled very low because no one changed the temperature setting back after use.

**Action Item:** Reel will contact Josh Welch regarding change to web site and Pat at Rossville regarding cleaning and use rules.

**Action Item:** Casler will check between renters that have rented on the same day.

- Community Center Windows: Casler requested board to decide on which window covering to use. Motion by Redding to use the middle of the three. Second by Casler. All approved.  
**Action Item:** Casler will talk to Park Avenue and coordinate with M Reel.
- Park Rules: Short discussion on park rules. D Kieser volunteered to send a set of rules to M Reel. Homkes showed sign containing park rules from a town in Michigan.
- New members: After some discussion, decision to request removing Vary from board (has not been able to make a meeting this year) and inviting Sheline to next meeting.
- Eagle Scout Projects: Homkes had requested that board bring in possible Eagle Scout projects for 17-18. Two ideas were brought to the board from Bob Auth to enhance the Kokomah site. Discussion and ideas flowed freely, with a good number from Redding. Possible projects include:
  - Drainage for natural amphitheater (Kokomah)
  - Community oven (Kokomah)
  - Redo track for wooden train at Interurban Station
  - Redo planter at Interurban Station
  - Boardwalk or pier at Western Heights Pond
  - Wooden signs, benches, or bike racks for town properties
  - Bird houses or bat houses, especially blue bird houses at CC Park
  - Horseshoe pits
  - Frisbee golf course
  - Fence replacement at Brady Park
  - Wheelchair ramps
  - Boy scout memorabilia exhibit**Action Item:** Homkes will talk with Kirk Smith (Russiaville Cemetery) and Marcia Berry (Historical Society)
- CC Circle: Homkes reported that a vehicle had gone through the circle and damaged some bushes and plants (but missed the tree). Short discussion of who and why (unknown).  
**Action Item:** Davis volunteered to go and clean up the circle.
- Other: Next meeting date discussed and to avoid Labor Day, the board decided to meet on Tuesday, September 5 at 5:30 pm.

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned at ~7:30 pm.