

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Town Hall
June 15, 2020

Council Present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Myrna Claar, and Greg Landrum.

Corbin King, town attorney, was also present.

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

Jeff Lipinski said prayer touching on the recent Coronavirus restrictions and the people of this world. Don Parvin led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from last meeting and one special meeting were approved.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present to report he had one new permit for a fence in Honey Creek Hills.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No business to report

TIF Board – No business to report

Historical Society – No business to report

Park & Tree Board – Jill Newby was present. She stated the new piece of playground equipment was installed in Brady Park last Saturday. Kaleb Hollingsworth will donate mulch again for the park. The senior class were not here to spread it this year, so possibly a little league baseball team will be able to help with that. Jill said the park board decided to spray Around the trees to make it easier for mowing. The walking trail has been sealed. Jill said they are looking at using some Community Foundation money to finish the trail circle area with the memorial bricks people have purchased and possibly some artwork. Jill said the Eagle Scout project may not be able to happen, they needed some financial help. Jill has contacted Martin Marietta to see if they would do any kind of donation for the pea gravel and sand.

Jeff Lipinski asked about another piece of equipment in the park that had broken recently. Jill said yes, it was the merry-go-round. Jeff asked if they knew what they would want to replace it with. Don Parvin said they would like to put a new merry-go-round in there. It would be between \$6,300.00 and \$6800.00. The old one has been fixed so many times over the years and is unsafe.

Don Parvin asked if we could use the money in the trail upkeep appropriation, since we only plan to use \$2,500.00, for a new merry-go-round. Megan said she was unsure, and Jeff Lipinski said we could look at this and see. Mike Kanable said he had a friend that had an old spiral slide, could we use that. Don Parvin said he thought there might be an issue with the height of it. Jill Newby agreed, mentioning the fall zone since it was tall. The Park Board will talk about this.

Don Parvin said since the old merry-go-round is an icon there was thought about making it a non-operational piece at the Community Center Park eventually. Jill said that Erica Parvin knew and was going to contact a couple people that may be interested in trying to make this happen.

Jill Newby said she met with a couple of guys that were interested in putting in a 9-hole disc golf. They partially marked off a potential course while they were there. They said the cost would be \$2,500.00 and they would install it for free. The council will think about this.

Don Parvin said he met with the Park Board a recently and there were 3 things they talked about for their budget. The sound baffles for the Community Center for \$5,000.00, the disc golf at the Community Center Park for \$2,500.000, and the around-the-town trail signage for \$1,000.00.

Don Parvin made a motion to allow the 3 things listed above totaling \$8,500.00. Pat Reel seconded. Greg Landrum asked about all the things they were thinking for the area around the Community Center. He wants to make sure it is not too much, asking if there was enough area for everything. Jill Newby said that Dave Kieser had drawn up everything previously except the disc golf, and she believes it will all fit without being too much.

The motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Rick Homkes said we received "Tree City USA" for 2019.

There are 2 resolutions that Rick Homkes has brought to the council. Corbin King said he has reviewed them and they are fine.

Resolution 2020-02 for the establishment of the around the town trail. Jeff Lipinski read the resolution. Rick Homkes stated this would just use existing streets. It is 3 miles in all, and this was part of Randy Waddell's vision some years ago. Don Parvin made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-02. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Greg, Pat, and Myrna voting for passage.

Resolution 2020-03 a proclamation of support for building the Cloverleaf Trail. Jeff Lipinski read the resolution. This trail would eventually run from Kokomo to Frankfort along the railroad line. Don Parvin made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-03. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Don Parvin said he had talked to Jeff Davidson and got an estimate to fix the retention pond wall. To fix the wall would be \$30K - \$35K. A second alternative to this would be clear the brush away from the wall, backfill edge of wall with rip rap, import dirt and place on top of wall and smooth out, and seed the dirt. This would cost \$9,200.00. Rick said he does not feel it would fail in the next little bit, but it will need attention. Pat Reel made a motion to take the \$9,200.00 from the Rainy-Day fund to fix the retaining wall in Western Heights. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, Don, and Myrna.

Streets & Wastewater – No written report at this time. Don Parvin said the alley between 1st and East streets has been fixed with dirt and seeded by Duke Energy. Don said he and Pat met and looked at a drainage issue on Chandler Street from the elevator, this has been an ongoing issue. Don talked to Ted Salsbery, and he said if it was found that it was his issue, he would look into it.

The drainage from the elevator runs to the very west entrance into the trailer court, and goes underneath the road into the drain at a resident's house and into the ditch. It is full of nasty grain and stuff that is building up in there. It has a very noxious smell. Don said we could dredge that out and help the problem for a while for \$500.00, or we can fix it so that it will last for \$29,400.00. Davidson Excavating gave a quote for this. Don would like to increase 2021 budget by \$30K

to be able to do this next year. In the mean-time he would like to spend the \$500.00 to dredge it out and help the problem at this time. Don Parvin made a motion for Davidson Excavating to dredge the corner of Chandler and West Street for this not to exceed \$500.00. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Don Parvin said he and Pat also went and looked at Carter and North Street. Kent Milburn expressed that he was having an issue at last month's meeting. Davidson Excavating gave a quote to sawcut and remove existing asphalt, and backfill the edge of road with dirt and seed for \$6,300.00. Pat Reel said this was from a previous paving job where it didn't get milled down, it got overlaid, and there is an extra 2 inches of asphalt that has built up and is eroded.

Pat Reel made a motion to have Davidson Excavating do the above work for \$6,300.00. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, Don, and Myrna voting for passage.

Marshal's Dept. – Carl Swan left a written report.

Treasurer – Megan Reel gave written reports

Corbin King had petition/paperwork to annex the Community Center into the Town limits. This, for some reason, had not been done in the past. Pat Reel made a motion to proceed with the annexation process. Don Parvin seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Don, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Dave Kieser did not have anything to report on at this time.

Sterling Johnson memorial – Don Parvin said this was still on hold.

Ordinance 2020-01 Authorizing payment of claims – Don Parvin made a motion to pass ordinance 2020-01 on the second reading. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Greg, Pat, and Myrna voting for passage.

Don Parvin made a motion to suspend the reading to be able to pass ordinance 2020-01 on the third reading. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage.

Don Parvin made a motion to pass ordinance 2020-01 on the third and final reading. Myrna Claar seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Myrna, Pat, and Greg voting for passage.

Gary Jewell was present to make sure it was ok to have the Panther Prowl 5k this year on July 18th. It is different this year due to Coronavirus restrictions. Mr. Jewell thought by then it should be fine, but wanted to ok it with the Town. It starts at 8 am and is usually over by 10 am.

Pat Reel made a motion to allow them to have the Panther Prowl on July 18th. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Pat, Greg, Don, and Myrna voting for passage.

Gary Jewell inquired about the Cloverleaf Trail going from Kokomo to Frankfort. He said this was very good news to him, the local cross-county coach, whose team was unceremoniously banned from running on the roads this spring.

There being no further business to be brought before the council, and no more comments from council or guests, the claims were presented and approved.

Pat Reel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Myrna Claar seconded, and the meeting came to an end.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk-Treasurer