

Town of Russiaville, Indiana  
Regular Council Meeting  
Town Hall  
March 15, 2021

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.

Kent Milburn said prayer. Pat Reel led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from February 2021 and special meeting in March were approved.

Plan Commission – Megan Reel said there were 2 fence permits written.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No one present to report.

TIF Board – No one present to report

Russiaville Historical Society – Don Parvin said Dave Kieser applied for the Heritage Support Grant and we received an invitation to submit a full proposal, so maybe we will get funding this time.

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby was present, and her report is as follows:

#### **Park and Tree Board March Report to the Town Council**

1. We have had 10 more pavers sold to put in circle. Reba will be taking them soon to be engraved.
2. We got two estimates for the sand volleyball court. Because of the location we chose, we have possible water issues. The first estimate was from Dave Cole which included a drain as he said we would need it or we would be fighting a dammed-up mess. This included running a drain to tie into an existing drain

West of the property. His estimate was for \$38,628. The second estimate was from Davidson which Jason Buch was preparing. He has not gotten back to me yet but said he was working on it. He was not including a drain, but acknowledged it would be a problem where we had said we wanted it located.

3. We have decided to send out a survey for the town residents as we need it for our five-year plan which is due this year. At that time, we can get a better idea of what the residents want to see in their community.
4. There will be a committee meeting consisting of Erica Parvin, Beth Davis and Jill Newby to discuss fundraising for the shelter and playground. Rick Homkes did provide a site we can go to apply for a donation from Solidarity Federal Credit Union. This is going to be our main focus this year.
5. The Park and Tree Board decided on a name for the iron wheel sculpture.

### **IRON WHEELS**

#### **“Honoring Russiaville’s Farming Heritage”**

6. Jill met with three contractors to get an estimate for the circle where the engraved pavers and a bench will go. So far, we have not received an estimate back from them.
7. The modern sculpture of the crane is ready to go and will be installed when the weather gets a little warmer. The bill for supplies, \$500, which was paid from the Community Foundation Grant was sent to Megan. The artist donated his time.
8. The old merry go round/caterpillar is still in the planning stages. It is at Adam Shepherd’s house and he is getting married this coming Saturday, so he has more important things going on right now.
9. Community Day is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> with Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> as the rain date. Because of Covid, we will only be working outside for Senior Citizens homes, but can still indoor projects for businesses or churches. Also because of Covid, we will be splitting the students up between the Community Center and the Lions Club for lunch. Mr. McCracken did not want them in such close quarters in one building. Both places have been reserved.
10. On behalf of the Arbor Day Foundation, congratulations on earning recognition as a 2020 Tree City USA. Residents of your community should be proud to live in a place that makes the planting and care of trees a priority. Two promotional items are being prepared for your community help publicize your recognition. This includes a recognition letter and press release sent directly to your Mayor when your recognition materials are