

June 2015 Minutes

Members:

- Present: Ashley Wyrick, Reba Casler, Matt Johnson, Beth Davis, Josh Welch, Rick Homkes, Jill Newby
- Absent: Sabrina Parnham, Erica Parvin, Laura Redding
- Meeting started at 7:00 PM.

Topics:

- CC Circle landscaping for HCF grant w/Gene Parks funds is complete. Need to send in paperwork to HCF to finalize reimbursement. There was \$3000 from the foundation with a \$5354 project. Davidsons work was worth ~\$700.
 - Action item: Wyrick will take care of sending in the final grant materials to the Community Foundation.
- Update on \$11,000 spending plan from Gene Parks fund— \$2000 has been used on basketball goal, \$300 on sign, \$225 on striping basketball courts/wheelchair spots at CC, approximately \$2000 allotted to HCF grant.
- Police Station landscaping/mulch was installed on Community Day on May 18. The cost was ~\$1700 from town funds.
- Rock/landscaping, along new CC sidewalk, was added by seniors on Community Day. There was a discussion of how students need more supervision. Newby reported that the best work was done at the churches where there was someone there at all times. Homkes reported that one tree was damaged by hitting it several times with a digging tool, then stripping off some bark. Next year we will request more people from the high school, and will not take more than requested for projects.
- Cigarette disposal at CC (Davis). Discussion of where to place the unit.
 - Action item: Davis will fill the bottom with sand and place it outside of the community center.
- Rental Calendar for Vonda Carter/CC Rental Report (Erica Parvin). Need a hardcopy of calendar monthly. Erica Parvin was not present so there was a short discussion of problems without action.
- Tractor pull volunteers have knocked down dirt mound in CC field and refilled old pull track. We have verbally agreed to wait until fall to plant grass seed. Matt Johnson has prices.
- New pull track will likely be installed this week prior to Summerfest.
- We are working on temporary signage/chain to be placed at CC during rentals.
 - Action item: Homkes will print the signage when the printer is working and will buy a chain.
- Homkes, Welch, Redding, and other volunteers helped plant more trees at Interurban, Western Heights and library locations in town. These are final trees for IDNR grant. Grant paperwork has been turned in by June 1 for the first draw. Some other invoices still need to come in, then a second draw and final report will be done. The IDNR inspection of planting sites will be 11:30 on June 16.

- Watering. Davis will water plants at CC and Police Station. Casler offered to water trees if necessary in the next two weeks.
- The need to for a part-time worker at the CC was discussed. Communication problems are very evident. Welch handed out a proposal. After some discussion it was decided that Josh Welch will try to talk to Cindy or Jeff on the Council about the idea before bringing to the whole town board.
- Jeff Davidson called and asked for permission to exchange topsoil from tractor pull for clay to place at base of pull track. The cost of top soil is estimated at \$450 a load and 25 loads were mentioned. This could end up being \$12000 top soil out and \$5000 clay brought in. Discussion followed. Question was asked about reconstruction when the track is no longer needed.
 - Motion by Wyrick, second by Newby that there would be no change in the contract. Current contract has phrase “No topsoil is to be removed from the CC lot.” Motion passed 6-0 (Welch not voting as president).
- There were no additional comments from board members or guests.
- Adjourned at 8:20.