

October 23, 2017 Minutes

Special Meeting with RTP Project Stakeholders

Special Meeting opened at 6:30 pm by Rick Homkes.

Meeting turned over to Dave Kieser of Kieser Consulting.

- Sign-in sheet passed around to those in attendance. Representatives were in attendance from the Russiaville Park and Tree Board, Russiaville Youth Baseball League, Kieser Consulting, Howard County, Town of Russiaville, Russiaville Girls Softball League, and the Russiaville Lions Club.
- Dave Kieser asked the assembled stakeholders what are the concerns and how can we make this work.
- Softball – Matt Harsh
 - At one time they were looking at a 200' outfield for the new field, which would be great for tournament play. However, this would only allow 7' between an outfield fence and the property line.
 - The property line has been surveyed by Johnson Wyatt Land Surveyor.
 - Software now willing to go with 195', which should give room for the 8' trail.
- Baseball – Scott Sipes
 - Would like bleachers on the minor league field to be moved from right field to left field, which would put them on town property.
 - This would get the bleachers away from vehicle traffic and not have spectators looking into the setting sun.
 - While not being able to speak for the full town council, both Kieser and Don Parvin said that they would recommend this be allowed.
 - Short discussion of access from trail to Liberty / Lions Street at the southeast corner near the minor league field.
 - Homkes reported having a copy of easement for access if needed.
 - Baseball would also like to have use of the parking lot at the community center any time it is not rented.
 - Basically this is to preclude any future restriction on public parking by a future board or council.
 - Point made by Homkes that there are new signs and that parking rules must be followed.
 - Park and Tree Board members did not object to this since it is a public lot and would not be a problem if CC not rented.
 - On the trail that goes along the property line between the new t-ball field and the community center parking lot, baseball would like the trail to be placed as far north as possible so that future building options such as dugouts would not be prevented.
 - Kieser said that he could do that in the design.
 - In case there is not enough money to do all of the trail in asphalt, would like the ball field part to be paved first.

- Kieser said that was not possible the way the grant requirements were set.
- Conversation about drainage.
 - It was reported that the high side of the leagues property is south of the new girls' softball field.
- Don Parvin asked if the Hale family had been notified of the project. Homkes reported that a door hanger notice had been put at the house last year before one of the meetings. Parvin asked that the Hale's be contacted directly and Homkes said he would.
- Action items per Kieser.
 - Have the town attorney create easement documents for both the Lion's Club and the Ball Leagues (50/50 boys/girls).
 - Homkes will send a copy of the easement and Sign-in sheet to Kieser.
 - Harsh will call Wyatt Johnson for a copy of the land survey to get to Kieser.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. Minutes taken by Rick Homkes.