



Special Board Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2023

Members

- **Present:** Jill Newby, Rick Homkes, Janna Hyman, Cherie Helmberger
- **Absent:** Erica Parvin, Jeremy Burns, Reba Casler
- **Guest(s):** Jeff Lipinski – Howard County Commissioner District 1
- **Meeting** started at 3:45 pm

New Business

- **Funds for Community Center Park Playground, Shelter, and Restroom Project:**
 - Jill contacted Jeff who agreed to meet with and discuss where funding may be found. Jeff will represent us to the Howard County Commissioners and contact Jill by Tuesday December 5, 2023.
- **Funding Sources:**
 1. ARP money
 2. Special Projects Howard County Commissioners
- **Arguments for Funding**
 - Discussion about all the positives this new construction would bring to the Russiaville area: 1) Economic development 2) Quality of life.
 - Who will use the structures. The need of an accessible Inclusive playground and what that means.
 - The pros Russiaville has to offer that justifies asking for funding.
 - The area is of high usage the months of March through October, and draws in a large number of people from surrounding townships and counties.

Meeting Adjourned: Jill Newby adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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