



## January Regular Board Meeting Minutes January 5, 2021

### Members

- Present: Reba Casler, Beth Davis, Rick Homkes, Janna Hyman, Suzy Landrum, Jill Newby, Erica Parvin
- Absent: None
- Guests: None
- Meeting started at 7:00 pm

### Topics

- **2021 Board officers:** Jill Newby - Chairperson, Rick Homkes - Vice Chair, Erica Parvin - Treasurer, Janna Hyman - Secretary.
  - Officers approved by Russiaville Town Board during Dec. 2020 meeting.
- **New Board Member:** Beth Davis also, approved by Russiaville Town Board on Dec. 2020
- **Meeting Opened:** Rick opened the meeting at 7pm by Zoom invitation. Agenda as written by Jill Newby was followed.
- **Minutes:** As taken by Erica during December 2020 meeting were presented by Rick, and board approved.
- **Treasurer Report:** Erica noted donation of \$2500.00 from Indiana American Water, and collection from Coin boxes of \$168.00 was deposited into RTP account. Rick said he was told that the money from the coin boxes would not be accepted by the Town board for payment on the new Merry-go-round. The money from both sources was placed in PTB account. All board members were appreciative of the generous attitude of this anonymous Town Board member.
- **RTP Fundraising:** Reba reported Stout and Son's now have an example paver and order forms at the funeral home. She is not sure of how or when they will make them available to their patrons.
- **Foundation Grant:** Rick stated he has photos of the Crane art work in progress, and it looks good. The height looks to be approximately 6' with cost around \$700.
- **Sand volleyball court** remains on hold until further notification, as well as **benches**
- **Playground in CC:** Erica stated we need to submit the Masterplan in 10 days for DNR grant (Rick will send a digital copy of the plan to Erica). This is a matching grant and we would need \$150,000-200,000 in funds, which at this time is a monetary challenge. Jill brought up additional types of fundraising would be Solidarity, Rick will contact Diana Tenbrook about possibilities. Subaru was also mentioned. Jill commented Subaru wants the entire project completed with their grant money. They do not want to be combined with other grants. Beth suggested Chrysler as an example for pledge monies, along with local business(s) Ex. Stellhorn, local construction business, and Stout and Son's.



Committee of **Jill Newby, Beth Davis, and Erica Parvin** will meet to work out a presentation to submit to local businesses, to encourage monetary pledges.

- **Baffles for CC:** We are still waiting to hear from Dave Keiser on cost and information concerning the question on what all is included in his pricing.
- **New Merry-go-round:** Jill is contacting Sean this week. She has not received any word from him, as of yet. We need paint to touch up a damaged area.
- **Disk Golf Course is now completed!!!** Jill is sending a gift card to Tommy Ray as a Thank you for the donation of his labor.
- **Art Works for the Parks:** Suzy Landrum will be taking a look at the old Merry- go-round to get an idea of what the Caterpillar will look like. She also mentioned using the pieces to make a Welcome sign on 26, or small signs around town, along with the possibility of using Vocational students to do the welding. Flowers were mentioned, and discussed the size may be too large. The conversation of having Art work along the Walking Trail is very attractive. Rick suggested as a location along West Street in front of the CC. Beth mentioned along the tree line on the north side of CCP, and that having art work along the trail is much appreciated by those who use it.
- **Old Wheel Sculpture is completed!!!** A sign asking person(s) to follow the Park Boards request saying, “No Climbing, Stay Off”, was placed on the sculpture by Adam Shepherd. The material used for the sign will age to the patina of the sculpture.
- Rick moved that we accept the **2020 Accomplishment Report and 2021 Project Goals and Objectives**, so they may be presented to Town Board at this upcoming January meeting. Rick’s motion was seconded by Reba Casler. The motion was passed, all in favor. There were no further comments.
- Rick presented the **Possible BSA Eagle Scout Projects for 2021**. Jill mentioned a reminder be sent along with these suggestions to Scout leaders that the projects funding is the Scouts responsibility.
- **Santa Claus Mailbox**, purchased by Erica can be used in numerous locations around town. The mailbox is approximately 4 feet tall, and lights up. Concern over who would be responsible to answer the letters was brought up. Discussion decided that the letters are not meant to be answered. Reimbursement to Erica came from the Gene Parks account. Rick commented this was appropriate in remembrance of Gene’s love for our community kids.
- **Pickle Ball Court:** Placement behind the Friends church was discussed. Asphalt was mentioned to be in poor condition. An approx. cost to resurface was thought to be between \$5-6,000. Locations where courts can be seen are Foster Park, Bon Air, and Carver Center. Beth described the sport as one all ages can enjoy. Up and coming in popularity. It was suggested we continue this discussion at another meeting allowing for more information to be gained. All agreed.
- Jill Newby adjourned meeting at **7:57 PM**.

Minutes taken by Janna Hyman