



October Regular Meeting Minutes 10/06/2020

- **Present:** Reba Casler, Rick Homkes, Janna Hyman, Jill Newby, Suzi Landrum, Greg Landrum (Council)
- **Absent:** Matt Johnson, Erica Parvin
- **Meeting Started:** 7:00 P.M.
- **Minutes:** No minutes, Erica absent.
- **Treasurers Report:** Rick presented the Treasurer's Report. We are in pretty good shape.
- **Old Business:**
 - RTP Fundraising - Although the accounts show \$400 raised so far, with money coming in as discussed by board members there should be ~\$1300 this year. As a side note, Jill and Janna collected the Coin Boxes from local merchants and brought to Judi at the Bank. We do not know the total.
 - Foundation Grant – Art and Signage Update.
 - The old iron wheel artwork will be made from old iron wheels from local farmers. It is to celebrate our farming heritage. Jill and Janna helped to lay out the design. Jr. O'Neal will lay the cement foundation for the wheels. Received a bid from Misha (Backyard Gardeners) for ~\$16K for complete installation of the project. Board decided that was above what we could afford. Shepherd Brothers will weld wheels and install for \$2600. We will move forward with that. Jill will talk with Jr. on concrete.
 - Question on whether the old merry go round was artwork or playground equipment. Decided if it is in playground and climbed on, it is not artwork. Jill reported that Shawn from Play Pro said that there is no fall zone if it is under 24" off the ground. If we made it shorter (e.g. three sections) it might fit into Brady Park. Jill will check on placement with Jr.
 - Modern Sculpture. Rick reported that Greg Steel, the art professor from IU Kokomo, has offered to donate his time to make the sculpture. Greg estimates the cost to be around \$500 plus the pad. Discussion on where this could be put. Reba said that original intention was to put art work around the trail, and we should try to honor that commitment. Came up with idea of putting it inside the center pollinator garden and this was agreed to by all. Rick made a motion to commit \$500 for sculpture and \$500 for base and installation from the signage & artwork grant. Seconded by Janna. Passed 4-0. Rick will talk with Greg Steel.
 - Sand Volleyball Court. This project is on hold since the scout decided not to do it. Jill did apply for a SIA Foundation grant for this (grants ranged from \$1K to \$15K). However, there was a problem with the server and could not get it to send / submit. It is now too late but they said we could apply next time.
 - Shelter / Playground in CC Park. Erica is looking into grant funds for this.
 - Benches from Bottle Caps – This project is on hold due to COVID and the fire at the factory.
 - Sound Baffles from Community Center – Question as to this year or next. Money is budgeted this year, could it be put into the budget for next year? Estimate was \$5K, but need to hear



more from Dave Kieser on this, and he has not been to several Council Meetings. Jill will talk with Donnie about baffles and Kieser.

- New Park and Tree Board Member – Motion by Janna, seconded by Reba to recommend Suzy Landrum to the Town Council to replace Ashley Wyrick on the Board. Passed 4-0.
- Disc Golf – Tommy went over the course with Rick, Suzy, Janna, and Jill. All the supplies are in, and he started putting the couplings on tonight. The baskets are scheduled to be installed Friday. There will be a need for mulch around the baskets.
- Work Day – It was decided to have a work day at the Community Center Park Sunday, 10/11 at 2 pm. Goal is to spread mulch around the nine disk golf baskets and trim the trees. Maybe also pick off some of the bagworms on the white cedars. Estimated that it would take three bags of mulch per hole. Janna and Larry will get the mulch.

➤ **New Business**

- Rick had distributed pictures of the Steve Cole Memorial Playground in Burlington and discussed how nice it was. Question on how they were able to do it. Janna will contact Julie at the IGA to find out.
- Rick reported that the foundation for the Lions Memorial was poured today. A scout project will be redoing the landscaping at the Lions Building soon. There will also be a lion sculpture.
- Janna has been able to pull the money from the GoFundMe account for board.
- Rick asked that all minutes from June to September be updated for posting on the Web site.

➤ **Adjourned ~8:15 P.M.**

- Minutes taken by Rick Homkes and Jill Newby