



April Regular Board Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2025

Members

- **Present:** Jill Newby, Rick Homkes, Janna Hyman, Reba Casler, Erica Parvin, Jeremy Burns, Town Council Liaison Pat Reel
- **Absent:** Cheri Helmberger
- **Guests:** Play Pros - Justin Moos, Greg Aaron, Nick Branyan, Brice Sheets

Meeting Started: 6:00 p.m.

Topics

- **Minutes:** Jeremy made a motion to accept minutes as read, Reba seconded. Motion carried 5-0 in favor. March regular meeting was cancelled due to illness.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Rick presented the new version of account groupings. This included the Community Center Building account Fund 2503, Review of Funds 2204, 2300, and Appropriated Accounts - 2025.

Old Business

Community Center Park Playground:

- **DNR Grant** - Jill received word that the IDNR has approved their portion of the matching grant to our \$325,000.00, which will bring a total of \$650,000.00. We now have until April 25th to update costs and submit the grant to the Federal government. We were told we should have an answer this fall of approval, or decline.
- **Playground, Shelter, Bathroom Cost Updates** - Nick Branyan presented an updated playground equipment price list, and Brice Sheets along with Nick presented different styles of playground turf, warranties, temp levels, and filler options. [Play Pros concluded their presentation with, if ordered by December 31, 2025 the prices quoted would hold.](#) Lucas Rhees of All Seasons Contracting is looking into material increases in the last 8 months. Janna reviewed with the board jobs that were included in All Seasons original quote, the board agreed the only change in the bathroom and shelter project would be the removal of 2 ceiling

fans in the shelter.

- **Dave Keiser** - Dave will be in charge of taking care of iPaC reports.

Town Park

- **Damaged Picnic Table** – Unknown what is going on with second youth, and payment.

Other Old Business

- **Arbor Day Poster Contest** - Nothing new to report.
- **Community Day 2025** - Dates have been set as April 24 with the rain date of April 25. Jill asked for volunteers, and any known projects in town. Jill created a list of volunteers, business, and town residential project requests.

New Business

- **Tree City USA, Western High School State Champs Signs, Coming Soon Sign for CCP Playground** - Rick stated that Russiaville has never had a sign posted that marked it was a member of Tree City USA. He also mentioned that it had been brought to his attention by Craig Thompson that the Western State Champions signs could be better organized, for eye appeal. Erica brought up the point that the signs had been purchased by the school, so we should take the new organization under advisement. A "Coming Soon" sign was suggested to Rick by a resident. Sign to be posted at the site of the new Community Center Park Playground.
- **Tree Give Away, Tree Planting** - RedBud, and Red Maple will be the new tree-starts to be given away at 6 pm, on April 25, 2025 at the Russiaville Library. There will be 80 new trees planted on the north side of the new Waste Plant, on May 10, 2025.

Meeting Adjourned 7:45 pm – Rick made the motion, Jeremy seconded . Motion carried, 5-0 vote in favor