

Town of Russiaville, Indiana
Regular Council Meeting
Town Hall
November 16, 2020

Council Present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Myrna Claar, and Greg Landrum.

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

Jeff Lipinski said prayer, mentioning the Scott family, as Judy Scott had passed away and Joe Scott had passed not long ago. Don Parvin led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

Plan Commission – Mike Kanable was present to report a fence permit for S&K Properties. Mike said that had talked to Steve Jones (owner) about a manhole within the fence. Mr. Jones said he would leave a key with the town or give us the code for the lock.

Board of Zoning Appeals – No business to report

TIF Board – No business to report

Historical Society – No business to report

Park and Tree Board – Jill Newby was present to report. The new Merry-Go-Round is in at the park. There are a few scratches, that the company is to send some touch up paint for. The Merry-Go-Round was paid for out of the Rainy-Day Fund and the donations that were collected went back into that fund to help with the cost. There are a few donations from the coin boxes to come in for this still. Don Parvin made a motion that any monies collected going forward for the Merry-Go-Round would go into the Park Fund. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Greg, Pat, and Myrna voting for passage.

Jill said that JR. O’Neal got all the cement work done for several project – The Merry-Go-Round, iron wheel sculpture, Heron (bird) artwork, the pad for the disc

golf, and also the cement for the base for the Sterling Johnson memorial. JR. also installed the Merry-Go-Round.

Don Parvin asked about the old Merry-Go-Round that was approved in a previous meeting to be made into a caterpillar. Jill said the caterpillar was going to end up being 35-feet long, and she does not know where to put something that big. They are still deciding on the caterpillar for that reason.

Don Parvin asked about the iron wheel sculpture and how much it would cost. Jill said it was being done now, and it will cost \$2,600.00.

Don Parvin expressed his concern about all the park board's projects. He thinks the projects are not getting done in the order that they have talked about. Jill said that there are other things that have happened with some of the projects that have put them in a different place than they were originally, and some of the projects were grants and had to be spent a certain way. Jill agreed they had several projects that came together all at the same time.

Tommy Ray, who put in the disc golf, is doing the signs for it.

Greg Landrum said complementing the park board, that they do have several projects but they do a lot for the town. Things they have been doing are blending the Community Center into the town nicely.

Jill said they are still selling bricks to be placed in the roundabout spot of the trail by the iron wheel sculpture.

Don Parvin said he is a little put out with Howard County. He loves the Carl Koontz memorial sign at the Southeast corner of Main and Union Streets, and he thinks the landscaping that they recently did around it looks very nice. However, he feels that the town of Russiaville should have been informed of both of these things since it is in our town.

Greg Landrum said that a park board member approached him about it, and asked about calling Paul Wyman on the landscaping. Greg said he told her to go ahead and call him if she wanted to. Greg said he was surprised that she got it done by the county, but he is glad it is. It looks very nice. The whole council agreed.

Streets and Wastewater – Paul Sattler was present, and a written report was given.