

November 2016 Minutes

Members:

- Present: Laura Redding, Rick Homkes, Reba Casler, Josh Welch, Matt Johnson, Jill Newby
- Absent: Beth Davis, Kyle Parvin, Ashley Wyrick, Erica Parvin, Sabrina Vary
- Guests: Jason Hampshire and family
- Meeting started at 6:00 PM on 11/7/2016 (delayed because of Howard County Commissioners Meeting)

Topics:

- Eagle Scout Project update / Russiaville Town Park: Jason Hampshire updated the Board on what had been done with the project. The boundary has been expanded 7' and 11' so that there is the proper space around some pieces of equipment. Homkes asked that a copy of the BSA final project book be submitted for P&T records. Hampshire asked for a plaque to be placed on a border timber "This project done in memory of XX." Moved by Homkes, seconded by Redding, to recommend this to the town council. Passed unanimously. Hampshire also went over some cost figures. He had budgeted for \$1800 in donations and estimated expenses. He was able to raise \$1400 in donations, which will cover the costs. Volunteers did much of the labor of installing the new border, spreading mulch, and backfilling. More grass seed will be needed on the backfill.
 - ACTION ITEM: Redding will bring plaque approval to town council.
 - ACTION ITEM: Homkes will get more seed to Hampshire for the backfill.
- Eagle Scout Project / Bulb planting (part of CFHC Wellness and Beautification Grant): Update made by Homkes. Over 850 daffodils and many smaller bulbs planted so far.
- Treasurers Report: No treasurers report this month.
- Naming Resolution: Tabled.
- Signage grants and Park Rehab Project: Continue to this of fund raising ideas. Tabled.
- Community Foundation Grant / Wellness and Beautification: Update made by Homkes. Benches and flag pole installed. Waiting on banners and invoices before final report can be made up and submitted with request for reimbursement.
- Recreational Trail Program Grant: Update made by Redding. Presentation to the County Commissioners meeting earlier today went well. A map of the proposed trail was shown to the commissioners and an invoice for \$15K was given to them. They took immediate action approving the invoice.
- IDNR Five Year Plan: Discussion of public meeting findings and draft survey results. Question on whether to try to do a bigger "Gold Standard" survey and submit what we have. Majority felt that we had done enough to get opinions of community.
 - ACTION ITEM: Homkes will send to IDNR.
- Stout Community Center: Welch reported that the seating capacity has been reduced to 200 on the web site. He also stated that new photos are needed for the web site now that paving, circle, and flag have been updated. Some discussion of the use of the office. Casler reported that volunteers removed old mulch, spread new matting, and spread 5 tons of stone in the

circle. May still need another ton or two. Offer was made to reimburse E.J. O'Neal for second load.

- ACTION ITEM: Casler will plan next steps
- Tree City USA: Will need Arbor Day resolution for April '17. Discussion on what project for Arbor Day to do, and also that the KHCPL would be doing an Arbor Day celebration as part of their Nature Explore center. That will include giving out 100 trees from the Howard County Soil and Water Conservation office. Board decided to help the library in their work and add some text on the KHCPL celebration to the resolution.
 - ACTION ITEM: Homkes will find a resolution from previous year and update it for Council consideration.
- Minutes: The minutes need to be updated for the town web site. Whoever made notes was asked to submit them to Redding.
- WHS Senior Day '17: Newby asked that members come up with tasks for next year. This would be a good item to start discussing in January.
- Stout Community Center: Casler reported on prices for window treatments to reduce glare. Cost would be \$4K to \$5K for all windows, \$3K for the big windows on the south only. Discussion on vendors, including tinting people that M Johnson has used. Also discussion of sound proofing.
- Officers: Reminder by Redding that board will need to submit new members and officers to the Council soon.
- Having no other business the meeting adjourned.