



November Regular Board Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2024

Members

- **Present:** Jill Newby, Reba Casler, Rick Homkes, Cheri Helmberger, Erica Parvin (late), Town Council Liaison Pat Reel
- **Absent:** Janna Hyman, Jeremy Burns
- **Guests:** None

Meeting Started: 6:00 p.m.

Topics

- **Minutes:** Cheri made a motion to approve the Minutes with addition of ending time. Reba seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- **Treasurers Report:** Rick did not have a report, but said there were no big changes from last month.

Old Business

Community Center Park Playground

- **DNR LWCF Grant** – According to the DNR, due to unforeseen circumstances, we will not hear about the grant until the middle of November.

Town Park

- **Damaged Picnic Table** – One of the two vandals has turned in half the money (\$440.73). Still haven't heard from the other vandal's parents. Josh says it is in Kinsey's hands.
- **Brady Park replacement of Keebler Tree with Happy Hollow** – The Town Council voted to approve Happy Hollow. We are currently working with AAA to set up delivery and installation. There was discussion on who needs to fill out the form to arrange installation. After discussion between Pat and Jill, Jill will do so. Craig and Paul will take the old unit out.

Other Old Business

- **Compost at Water Treatment Plant** – Pat recommended removing this from old business since the Town Council does not have a path forward with the plant and wants to keep the property clear for development.
- **Rush to Russiaville Craft Fair** – Reba reported that she sold three pavers at the Fair (two already in to Megan and one still coming in). Donations were also made towards the Inclusive Playground project. She also sold Lions brooms,



koozies for the P&T Board, and handed out a number of compostable leaf bags. Board wanted to do it again. Maybe next year have some treats to sell? Rick will take care of making the reservation.

- **Arbor Day Poster Contest** – This is for 5th grade students. Jill talked with the principal and she said that it is a go for this year. It will be handled by the art teacher and she will make it happen. There will also be a connection to the science teachers as the Indiana theme for 2025 is “Healthy Trees, Healthy Me!”
- **Lions Club Tree Planting** – The Lion’s Club planted an additional tree for the South Union sidewalk project (red maple) and an additional tree at Western Heights Pond (Norway spruce). Rick thanked the Board for supporting this project and paying for one of the trees at the Girls’ Softball Field.

New Business

- **Arbor Day Application** – The application for 2024 is almost ready to be submitted (needs only a little more data from the town). Rick asked who would like to be backup on this project and Erica said that the worksheet and password could be sent to her.
- **Community Day for 2025** – The date for 2025 community day has not yet been set. Jill said a lot would depend on the AP class schedule.
- **Pickleball** – Rick mentioned that a request for pickleball has been made on social media. Discussion followed about size of court (44’x20’), surface, and growth of sport. Possible places mentioned to put a court were the Lions Club basketball court, the old tennis court at the Friends Church, the horseshoe pits at the Community Center, and the old tractor pull track at Community Center Park. Erica offered to look up some grants that could pay for a court, and mentioned that AARP does grants for this.
- **Halloween** – Short discussion of Halloween. It seem to get bigger each year. Rick reported 412 trick or treaters at his house and, according to Lori at the Library, 676 at Library Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom.
- **Sidewalk** – Pat reported that the sidewalk projects are nearing completion and that the North Union project will get to, but not the other side of, 330 South.

- **Meeting Adjourn:** 7:06 p. m.