



May 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Members:

- Meeting started at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, 4/1/2018
- Present: Reba Casler, Rick Homkes, Jill Newby, Erica Parvin, Laura Redding
- Absent: Matt Johnson, Ashley Wyrick
- Guests: None

Topics:

- Minutes: Minutes were reviewed by Parvin and Redding and approved
- Treasurer's Report: No report
- RTP Update: Discussion centered on status of project. Newby reported by the easement from the ball leagues has been signed and executed. Homkes reported that some survey stakes were found from the survey by 40th Parallel, but others were not found. This is an issue because one of the pollinator gardens is planned for near the Hale property, and she is concerned about the lines. Short discussion of the bid negotiations; some amenities were removed from the bid in order to bring it closer to projections. Both Homkes and Redding expressed concern that taking out amenities would alter the IDNR scoring that actually got us the grant. Also discussion about using extra top soil to make a small mound for children to play on.
Action Item: Homkes will email John Ellison about concerns, add Erica Parvin to cc list, and talk to Don Parvin about talking to Mrs. Hale.
- Community Center Window Tinting: Casler reported that there has been no communication with the contractor. We are not happy with the work and they have not been paid. No action.
- Park Signs: Discussion about which signs to recommend to the Council. The Board reviewed single pole, double pole, and boulder options. The Board will not make a recommendation on signage for the Interurban after Homkes reported that the Historical Society was already working on that issue. Removing the Interurban brought boulder signs to within the \$2500 given to us by Indiana-American. Unanimous decision to recommend boulder signs to Council.
Action Item: Newby will bring recommendation to Council.
- Community Day: Discussion led by Newby on projects. Additional possible projects were staining the picnic tables, repainting the red swings, and taking down the lights. Decision was made to not have students on ladders. Also discussion on train at Interurban.
Action Item: Casler will power wash the train for the students to stain.
- Town Park Slide: Mogul slide is installed. Now have broken slide and scratched up slide that was sent first as replacement. These could be recycled.
- Brady Park: Newby reported that the swing frame has been lowered and a new cross beam installed with only two swings. This brings this swing into better compliance. Question was asked by Casler about painting the horse and duck. Since duck needs new feet decision was to paint the horse only for reinstallation.
Action Item: Casler will clean and repaint the horse.
- Town Park Swings: Discussion on mats for the swings (should we order?). Unanimous decision to order, and also to get tree rings for the swing poles.



Action Item: Newby will work with Megan Reel to order mats from AAA State of Play and Homkes will get tree rings from Lowe's.

- ADA Entrance for Town Park: Short discussion of buying a ramp over landscape timber. Newby will talk to Don Parvin about an alternative he is investigating.
- Budget: Reviewed budget request for 2019. Reviewed five year plan and decided on requesting \$25K for seed money for new Community Center Park in addition to requesting same appropriations for other accounts as last year.

Action Item: Homkes will work with Ashley Wyrick to develop request.

- IDNR Visit: Both Redding and Homkes received an email from Carrie Tauscher from the IDNR. She is trying to visit all the Tree City USA communities in the state of Indiana. Discussion was about how any meeting that she came to should be tree focused since the Board has both responsibilities. No action.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Minutes taken by Rick Homkes.