

June 2016 Minutes

Members:

- Present: Laura Redding, Beth Davis, Jill Newby, Rick Homkes
- Absent: Reba Casler, Josh Welch, Erica Parvin, Sabrina Parnham, Ashley Wyrick, Matt Johnson, Kyle Parvin
- Guests: None
- Meeting started at 5:30 PM on 6/6/2016

Topics:

- Russiaville Town Park Update.
 - Laura reported that the town council had approved hiring a safety inspector for the park. The inspection occurred May 27 with Jill coordinating the visit and being there for the inspection. The written report is not yet in, but Jill mentioned several things that are recommended to be done. These included swing clamps, some exposed bolts, and some exposed concrete. Per Laura, when the report comes in, an action plan with timeline and funding options will have to be created. The leads on this task are Erica and Jill.
- Walking Trail Grant Update.
 - Laura reported that the IDNR came to town on May 27th to do an inspection of the proposed walking trail site. Ashley and Rick were there. Rick reported that they were also interested in seeing the Interurban Station and the unused rail line that is adjacent to it. The IDNR delivered a letter at the meeting requesting several updates and clarifications to the initial grant request. Laura, Ashley, and Rick worked on these on Tuesday May 31 and they were sent to the IDNR on June 1, the requested deadline.
 - Rick reported that there are 12 applications still in the running, and that the IDNR expects to fund 4.
- Community Foundation Update.
 - Rick reported that the community improvement grant for banners, benches, and bulbs was submitted on time and accepted for review. The grants committee meeting will be held on June 14 with a decision on June 15.
- Community Center Update.
 - There were several items that were tabled because some board members were not able to attend the meeting. These included the broken microphone and used office furnishings (Matt), and the walking trail dedication and kitchen certification (Josh).
- Community Center Outside.
 - Beth was thanked for weeding the outside of the Community Center. She reported that more mulch is needed for the circle. She estimated that two yards of black mulch would be needed, though brown or uncolored could be used if cheaper.
 - ACTION ITEM: Laura will bring this request to the Town Council.
- Five Year Plan.

- Rick reported that Matt and he had emailed and that the big item to do for 2017 submission is to get public participation and ideas incorporated into the plan. Laura requested that this be done in the fall of 2016.
- WHS Senior Day.
 - Although overall things went well, Jill did related a couple of problems that occurred. Rick mentioned that the first two students assigned to the retention pond came dressed for brushing out the trail, and that two others assigned to trash pickup also did well. Laura said that the spreading of mulch in the town park also went well. One community member did stop and highly recommend that any seniors doing street projects should have on orange vests.
- Adjourned at approximately 6:20 pm.