



## October 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

- **Present:** Jill Newby, Reba Casler, Janna Hyman
- **Absent:** Rick Homkes, Ashley Wyrick, Erica Parvin, Matt Johnson
- **Meeting Started:** 7:00 P.M. on 10/1/2019
- **Minutes:** No minutes, Erica absent
- **Treasurers Report:** No Treasurers Report, Ashley absent
- **Old Business:**
  - RTP Update
    - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Celebration with AHN – It was the general consensus that the Ceremony and Celebration went off very well. There was a decent crowd and we paired well with AHN. Jill mentioned that she wished we had taken a picture with AHN. She will ask Amy Kanable for a picture of AHN so we could give pictures to the Tribune and Perspective.
    - Van Access sign has been installed
    - Money from DNR still to be dispersed. Jill called Megan and was told the money should be coming within a weeks time. If it has not been dispersed by then, Megan will call and check on it.
    - Once the DNR check arrives, the trail will be completely paid off thanks to the generosity of the Town Council for settling up any leftover debt.
  - RTP Fundraising
    - We should stop the donation letter going out to the Chamber as it has not generated any funds.
    - Five people have committed to purchasing Bricks. They have said they will send their money in to Megan. Reba said next time she will get their contact information in order to be able to remind them if they haven't sent their money in a timely manner.
  - Community Center Cleaning – ABC came out and cleaned and while they said they would be there for four days, they were in fact there for two. Jill called them to see when they were going to finish and they said they were finished. Jill, Reba, Janna and Erica went out to inspect the Community Center and found many items on the cleaning estimate from ABC were not completed. Jill asked the owner, Amanda, of ABC to come out and meet with them. We explained to her all of the items on her list that were not cleaned. She said she could stay there a couple of hours or all night if need be to complete the list. Jill told her she did not want her up on a ladder to clean the light fixtures by herself at night. Jill called Rick to inform him what was going on. He asked Jill to please go tell her she should not be there at night. Jill went back to the Community Center and Amanda was not there. We haven't seen her since. Her crew did clean the tables and chairs, wiped down the refrigerator and mopped behind them. Amanda's crew used Community Center ladders, mop, etc. to clean and did do some light surface cleaning. At this point we do not know if she will show up to finish the job.



- Foundation Grant – art and signage update
    - Signs are completed and Rick is contacting Ideal to install them. Rick is in charge of contacting IUK art department who will hopefully encourage some of their art students to submit art sculptures to be considered for a two-year lease. Reba said she would contact Rick Willoughby who does metal work. Janna suggested talking to Kokomo Career Center’s welding class.
  - Eagle Scout Project – have been installed. Rick met with the Woolace’s to help with the bat house locations. Four bat houses have been installed. Two are at Western Heights Pond, one at the Interurban, and one at Community Center Park.
  - New Eagle Scout Projects – there is a scout in Kendra Metcalf’s class who is interested in putting in a volley ball court at Community Center Park. Jill told Kendra that neither the Town Council, nor the Park Board will be able to help financially with the project. The scout would have to fundraise whatever would be needed and would need to present the project to the Town Council. Kendra said she would have the scout and his parents contact Jill to get more information.
- **New Business**
- Blue Spruce donated – An individual contacted Reba about donating a blue spruce that is balled and ready to be planted. This person would deliver the tree to a location we determine. We determined the best place would be Community Center Park. Janna is going to check with Matt Nuss about a small backhoe to plant the tree. We will seek Rick’s input on the exact location to place the tree as he is our tree man.
  - Shelter or Gazebo – We discussed whether we would want a shelter or a gazebo at Community Center Park. As there wasn’t a quorum, we couldn’t vote on this. General consensus among those present, was a shelter would be better suited and more financially suited to our needs. We felt we would like electricity and water to the shelter. We would take reservations through Megan if someone wanted to reserve the shelter for a family reunion etc. There was a discussion about what would happen if someone wanted to reserve the shelter at the same time the Community Center was being rented. There might be a problem with people wanting to use the restroom. We are going to do more research on the size of the shelter and felt we could get an accurate estimate on cost from Junior O’Neal.
  - Candle Walk –Janna has suggested having a Candle Walk perhaps on Saturday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> on the walking trail. She would like to get the churches involved. We would have luminaries along the trail perhaps along only along one loop. We could possibly have hot chocolate and cookies. It would be a “Walk of Thanks” and would kick off the holiday season. We also thought church choirs or individuals could sing or maybe Matt Johnson would provide music.
- Adjourned at 8:30 P.M.
- Minutes taken by Jill Newby