



February 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Members:

- Meeting started at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, 2/5/2019
- Present: Rick Homkes, Jill Newby, Ashley Wyrick
- Absent: Reba Casler, Matt Johnson, Erica Parvin, Laura Redding
- Guests: None

Topics:

- Minutes: Erica was not here to give January's minutes.
- Treasurer's Report: Ashley gave the treasurer's report for year ending 12/31/2018.
- RTP Update: In same place as last month. Still waiting on spring to put asphalt down.
- Signs: The two signs (pet and construction) for the trail have still not been put up by the town workers.
- RTP Fundraising:
 - Donation Letter: Ashley reported that there has been no response. She will pick out 10-15 businesses to target and send letters to them.
 - Bricks: None have been sold since the first four. Rick asked everyone to spread the word and "please sell".
- Community Center cleaning estimate: Erica was not here to report on this. Ashley said she would try to get a couple of estimates for cleaning and painting.
- Feed a Bee update: Rick reports that there are a couple of signs yet to be placed, one more on order, and then the grant will be closed.
- Foundation Grant: art and signage update. Rick reports that he has contacted Clifford signs about signage he has gotten from the Nature Conservancy that was used in Jackson Morrow Park. Rick is going to check with IU Kokomo art department to see about them doing a class project to be placed in the Community Center Park. Also he will set up a meeting with Jill and Derrick Martin to discuss options.
- Tree City USA update: Rick is going to send an email to Carrie Tauscher of the IDNR to clarify status.
- Plant Trees at Russiaville Town Park: This has been completed; one red oak and one white birch.
- New Eagle Scout Projects: Caleb Woolace looking into doing his project over bat houses.
- Arbor Day poster contest: Rick is going to send an email to the IDNR to clarify what is going on with that contest.
- Tractor Tire for one of parks: We discussed scrapping the idea, but did discuss the possibility of burying it half in the ground in one of the parks for kids to crawl through. Jill is going to check on the size of the tire and if it is still available.
- ORCA grant: Ashley is going to head this up and look into possible projects. The grant is for \$2500 to \$5000 (plus match), and is due 3/8/2019. The purpose is "place making".
- Replace board member: Laura Redding wishes to resign from the board as she does not have time with all of her other activities. Jill will ask Reba for her list of interested people.



- Facebook Page: Jill asked if we should have a Facebook page for the Park Board. It was stated that we did have one already. The general consensus was that it was a good idea to utilize it.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Minutes taken by Jill Newby