March 31, 2014

Russiaville Park and Tree Board

In attendance: Erica Parvin, Rick Homkes, Reba Casler, Matt Johnson, Josh Welch, Laura Redding, Beth Davis

1)IDNR Urban Forest Management grant project started March, 12 2014 and will end June 30, 2014. Need to start collecting pledged money from sources. Completed tree catalog will use Excel database.

2) Saturday May 10, 8:00am approximately 50 Chrysler volunteers will plant trees at the community center for 4-5 hours. Holes will have previously been dug. Jr. O’Neal, Davidson Excavating, and other sources of donation will provide machinery on May 8 and/or May 9. Volunteers will need to bring shovels, rakes, wheel barrows. 20 yards of mulch has been requested for donation (estimated $800 needed). Will check with Menards or Lowes for donations of stakes. CC restrooms will be accessible, photographers will be present, volunteers will provide their own lunch.

3) Discussed resubmitting grant application to Howard Community Foundation.

4) Potential restaurant fundraiser night scheduled for Hacienda on April 28th. Considering Orange Leaf and possibly neighboring businesses for a May date.

5) Community Center repairs are complete, except for sprinkler system. Reba, Beth, and Mr. Davis will prune the CC rose bushes. CC Gravel needs raked.

6) CC display case ordered and will be delivered to Linda at Town Hall who will need assistance in unloading it. Letters need purchased for the board.

7) Discussed paying $150 to sketch artist for the Tree Board logo and CC logo. CC logo to be sent to web page designer. Discussed pros and cons of using PayPal for CC website. Designer, Sarah Jones, requesting renter testimonials for the website. CC pictures will be taken for website when weather is nice. CC booked for every weekend in May and June. Any additional keys to CC, besides those belonging to current Park Board members, are to be collected.

8) New CC sign still needs to be installed on Union St. “Event Parking Only” sign purchased.

9) Council approved tree design, walking trail, and future park placement on CC property