

May 2017 Minutes

Members:

- Present: Reba Casler, Beth Davis, Rick Homkes, Jill Newby (via FaceTime from FL part of meeting), Laura Redding, Erica Parvin (left early), Kyle Parvin
- Absent: Matt Johnson, Sabrina Vary, Josh Welch, Ashley Wyrick
- Guests: Don Parvin (left early)
- Meeting started at 5:30 PM on 4/3/2017 at the Town Hall immediately following the Special Town Council meeting

Topics:

- Grass Seed & Banners: Don Parvin brought a proposal to the Board that the extra grass seed purchased for the Community Center Park (12-14 bags) be sold to Davison Excavating and the proceeds used to purchase flag themed banners for the town. Rick Homkes related some history of the seed. All agreed this would be a good idea.
- New members: Sabrina Vary has not responded to an email regarding her continuing on the board. Discussion held on how to get new members. **Action Item:** Reba Casler will talk to Vary regarding giving up her spot on the board while also stating how important her volunteering has been to the town.
- Town Park: The white structure at the Town Park was discussed. Several mentioned the requirement for some form of climbing. Swings were to be included. Maximum of \$5,000 from last meeting brought up. Discussion of purchase source held. Homkes mentioned that Menard's carried a commercial grade of playground equipment. Erica Parvin mentioned that Lowes and Rural King also offered commercial grade. General consensus that commercial grade be used and proper setbacks be implemented. **Action Item:** Erica Parvin and Jill Newby will make a recommendation at next month's board meeting.
- Town Park: Discussion of whether there would be any mulch to spread during Community Day by the seniors. Town has stated that there is no money for that in the budget this year. History of last year and need for twice spun mulch recounted. **Action Item:** Homkes will check if mulch can be donated for the seniors to spread.
- Community Center: Homkes reported that Jeff Stout will donate \$2500 for CC updates. After some discussion, unanimous decision to use Park Avenue Window Tinting. **Action Item:** Casler will contact Park Avenue and request that they bring samples to next month's board meeting.
- CC Circle: Casler reported that Jr. O'Neal will donate another load of river rock to complete the filling of the traffic circle at the Community Center. The seniors will be able to do that as part of their work day.
- CC Rentals: Discussion of rental activity. Erica Parvin discussed comments from renters. These included no alcohol rule, lack of a sound system, and the reverb. Lack of alcohol was a factor in losing many wedding receptions. Redding reported that alcohol could be provided (per town attorney) if the caterer had a bar tenders license. Discussion continued with price. The inability to clean between two half day rentals led board to recommend full day rentals only. Price was set at \$100/day for week days and \$150/day for weekends, plus 50% damage deposit. E Parvin

mentioned that current booking (six) must not be undercut by any change in fee. Office furniture has been selected by Redding and Megan Reel for the office, but has not yet been delivered. Casler volunteered to spend some time in the office starting July 1.

- Playground Surface. Erica Parvin gave a report on playground surfacing. To be in compliance with the ADA, pea gravel would require a solid walkway while mulch would not. This is in regards to wheel chair access. Pea gravel is also more of a choking hazard. Beth Davis recounted that a fall by a grandchild into the mulch resulted in wood splinters. With pea gravel, 12" would be required for a maximum fall height of 6'. The cost is estimated at \$14K originally for the 412 tons required. Thereafter another \$1K would be required each year. Overall pea gravel is more sanitary, requires padding under swings, and has a lesser fall height. Rubber mulch would be more expensive at \$17K, but would cost less (\$400/year) to maintain. No padding would be required. The fall height for the 6" of recommended rubber mulch is 10'. A total of 59 pallets would be required for the Town Park. No action was taken because of the cost.
- Community Day (Senior Day): Newby said that some tools would be purchased from a grant at the school. All were asked to bring additional tools for work. A roundtable resulted in what jobs could be done by the WHS seniors.
 - Casler reported that she has 14 seniors that would like assistance
 - Homkes requested 4 people to help pick up trash at Western Heights Pond. They could also do some brush clearing on the back side of the pond if they dress appropriately
 - Casler said that 4 people could spread the rock at the CC Circle
 - There has been no word from the churches. Hopefully some will respond.
 - A&J would like 6 people
 - The Post Office / Bank would like 2 people
 - Kirk Smith would like 6 people to clean at the cemetery
 - The library needs "a few" people
 - Hollingsworth would like some people to do trimming
 - Newby said that she would be taking 20 to her house for assorted chores.
 - Marcia Berry would need 6 to move furniture if the carpet has been laid, but none otherwise.
 - Casler and Newby will contact others to find additional jobs. Email reba.casler@gmail.com with list of volunteers and jobs.
- Arbor Day at Library: Discussion help regarding the open house. Attendance was not great, probably because of the rain. **Action Item:** Redding will contact Trina about getting the extra trees (Bur Oaks).
- Fundraising: Homkes reported that Solidarity Community Federal Credit Union raised \$32K for the ADA accessible playground at Highland Park in Kokomo. He has talked to Diana Ten Brook about possible having the SCFCU taking the CC ADA accessible playground as a project in 2018.
- Nature Explore: Redding reminded all that the ribbon cutting will be 5/23 at 14:00.

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned at ~7:30 pm.