



August Regular Board Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2021

Members

- **Present:** Jill Newby, Janna Hyman, Reba Casler, Rick Homkes, Suzy Landrum
- **Absent:** Beth Davis, Erica Parvin
- **Guests:** None
- Meeting started at 7:01 pm

Topics

- **Minutes** –Motion to approve Minutes after amending was made by Rick, and seconded by Suzy. Minutes approved with majority in favor.
- **Treasurer’s Report**- None available this meeting
- **July Meeting** - Cancelled
- **Bricks fundraising**- Peggy Hollingsworth purchased 17 bricks bringing the total engraved at this time to 41. Discussion was held on whether or not to purchase a brick to be engraved “Russiaville Park and Tree Board”. A motion to take a vote was made by Rick, seconded by Janna, returning a unanimous yes. Rick said money could come from Gene Park’s Fund, or Unspecified accounts.
- **Shelter and Playground**- Team (Jill, Beth, Erica) planning on meeting to work on fundraising and grants.
- **Signage**- Rick is continuing to work with Kokomo Perspective History column writer Gil Porter on finding correct Miami wording to use with the Crane sculpture.
- **Artwork in the Parks**
 - **Caterpillar** – Discussion was held on ways to use the old Merry-go-round materials. Concerns for safety being at the top of the list. Discussion of creating a “dome” shape from the pieces, but it was determined that pieces would not fit together without gaps.
 - **Old Wheel Sculpture** - Travis Wunderlick started work on the Brick path today, 8-3-2021. The path will be in an L, or V shape, made of brick both engraved and not. Engraved bricks, and border will be a Chestnut color brick, with a dark Sienna used on the inside of the path to contrast. River rock will be placed between walk and path, with mulch area around the tree and up to the Old Wheel sculpture. The dark Sienna brick will be coming from Canton, OH, and should be here in approximately two weeks. Stepping stones will be placed in mulch area to be used as a walk way. Discussion of where to place the sculpture name sign and the donator’s sign. Reba suggested we put this on hold until the landscaping is finished.
 - Sculpture dedication date has been pushed back to October.
- **Water Fountain in City Park** – Has been installed, great addition to the Town Park.



- **Recycled Bench Project-** Money and caps will be taken to purchase 6, 4 foot benches, 1, adult picnic table, and 1 toddler picnic table. Jackson Rounds, owner of A&J Farm Supply, will be delivering the caps and picking up items ordered.
- **Survey-** Survey needed as first step to creating our New 5 Year Plan. Rick will send a draft Survey to Greg of the DNR for approval; then we can proceed to create a 5 Year Plan. The current plan expires in January 2022
- **Cub Scout Service Project-** Rick leading several 2nd graders built Bluebird and Northern American Bee houses. Cane is needed to finish Bee houses. Bluebird houses will be placed the pond, Honey Creek Hills, and Russiaville Community Park. All were branded with the BS logo.

New Business

- **RTP-Playground** – Rubber rings need to be replaced, because concrete is exposed in areas around the swing set legs. Reba and Jill said they would take on the project, and Janna said she could get help to make cuts in the rings for proper fitting.
- **Email – Pollinator Gardens, Butterfly Garden, Caterpillar House**
Rick received a very positive email from Emily Roark, of the Howard County Master Gardeners. The Gardens were created 4 years ago.

- Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm