



March Regular Board Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2026

Members

- **Present:** Jill Newby, Reba Casler, Janna Hyman, Cheri Helmberger, Rick Homkes
- **Absent:** Erica Parvin, Jeremy Burns, Pat Reel-Town Council Liaison
- **Guests:**
- **Meeting Started:** 6:00 p.m.

Topics

- **Minutes:** Rick made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Reba seconded. The motion carried 4-0 in favor.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Rick's report included donations to account 2300 for year 2026 being \$5850.00, making the up to date 2026 total \$230,000.00. The Community Center Building account shows an increase of \$3200.00 and decrease for expenses of \$2600.00, leaving a net balance of \$71,000.00. Account 2204 stays unchanged.

Community Center Park Playground:

- **Playground, Shelter, Bathroom** - Moving forward with the Restroom and Shelter after receiving permission from the DNR. The playground has been pushed back to construction start date May 1st, 2026 due to a surveying issue.
- **Playground Equipment** - Equipment has been ordered. The Vista Tree - climbing sphere will come in last. A shade for the Sway Bench has been ordered.
- **March 3rd, Meeting, Marsha Derbyshire, Jason Buch, Andrew Roe** - Pat Reel, Jill Newby, Rick Homkes, and Janna Hyman met with Marsha Derbyshire at 11:00 am to discuss In-kind from *Davidson Excavation with representative Jason Buch* process and dates, this meeting also included *Andrew Roe* who will be contracted for the playground curbing. Playground sign configuration and wordage was reviewed by Jill, Janna, Rick, and Marsha Derbyshire. Changes made and resubmitted.
- **Duke Energy** - Pat sent a report that the playground lighting project is on track.
- **RCCP Project Construction Site** - On March 3rd discussion was held concerning what types of barriers, and parking lot space will be needed to keep the community

safe during construction of the restroom, shelter, and playground.

Town Park:

- **2026 Youth FunFest** - Looking at Wednesday, July 22nd, with time from 5pm - 7pm, for the event. Cherie brought up the need to increase hot dogs, discussion of increasing by 25. Cheri made a motion to accept date and time, Rick seconded. Motion carries 4-0 in favor
- **Ferguson Pipe Placement** - Is being stored at Davidson's, will discuss plans on a later date. RCCP Project is our immediate priority.

Other Old Business

- **Arbor Day**- Date April 24, 2026. P&TB will work with the Library. 50 White Oak trees, and 50 Button Bushes to be given away. Reba, Cheri, Jill, and Janna will work on bundling April 23rd, and passing out April 24th.

New Business

- **2025 Park and Tree Board Accomplishments and Goals** - Rick will post the reports on the Russiaville's website townofrussiaville.com .
- **Tree City USA** - Russiaville has received the 2025 Award.
- **Community Day 2026**- WHS seniors will work on various jobs throughout the town on Thursday, April 23, 2026 with a rain date, Friday, April 24, 2026. Jill asked for volunteers. Janna, Cheri, and Reba volunteered.
- **Highway Pickup** - Date changed to April 4, 2026.
- **Restroom and Shelter Ground Breaking** - Date set April 15, 2026
- **Playground Ground Breaking** - Date set May 1, 2026
- **Russiaville Town Community Day** - Date set June 6th, 2026

Meeting Adjourned 6:53 pm

Motion made by Cheri, seconded by Rick.

Motion passes 4-0 in favor

