



November Regular Board Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2023

Members

- **Present:** Jill Newby, Rick Homkes, Janna Hyman, Reba Casler, Erica Parvin
- **Absent:** Jeremy Burns, Cheri Helmberger
- **Guest(s):** None

Meeting started at 5:01 pm

Topics

- **Minutes:** Motion made by Rick to accept minutes with corrections, seconded by Janna. Vote to approve 4-0 in favor.
- **Treasurer Report:** Rick reported donations collected in October for the CC Park Inclusive Playground, Shelter, and Rest Room Project were from Brick sales of \$300.00, RCO donations-Craft Fair \$115.00, PayPal \$56.21, RCO Rush to Russiaville Craft Fair \$947.50 bringing the year-to-date total of \$136,625.29.

Old Business

- **Community Center Playground Park Fundraisers:**
 - Penny Pitch: Jill and Janna met with WIS Principals who said they no longer hosted the Penny Pitch as it didn't generate enough money, and was a lot of work for the teachers.
 - Change Jars: Jill and Rick met with Judy Johnson who said there wasn't much foot traffic into First Farmers building.
 - Western Student Signature Signing: Jill came up with an idea we take fundraising to the students. Any child who raises, or donates \$50.00 will then write their name on a poster board that will be taken to Clifford signs. The sign will be placed at the CC Inclusive Park. Parent(s) will be contacted through school media sources. Jill talked to Superintendent DuBois who was on board with the idea. Campaign to start in February of 2024. Janna made a motion to move forward, seconded by Rick. Vote in favor 5-0.
- **Corporate Donors:**
 - Martin Marietta: No new report.
 - Merrell Brothers: Jill waiting on return call.
 - Beck Seeds: Jill has contact person and online form.
 - Haynes International: John Patterson hasn't returned email to Jill. Jill also reached out to VP of Human Resources twice with no response.



- Kings: Rick will make contact.
- SFCU: Janna continues to follow up.
- McClure: Cherie wasn't in attendance.
- **Russiaville Town Park**
 - New Swing Frame and Oodle Swing: Jill and Janna met with Nick Runyon to discuss color combinations of yellow frame and blue swing. Discussion on swing placement issues were discussed. Further discussion tabled until December meeting.
 - Park Rules Sign: Discussion on where to place suggestions to be offered to Town Council
 - Vandalized Bubble Panel: Cost to replace piece will be \$540.00.
- **Water Treatment Plant:**
 - Rick to talk with Dave Kieser
- **Partnership with Lions Club:**
 - Recycling Bins: Talk is scheduled by Mikki Jeffers on November 20, at 7:00 pm, at the Lions Club.

New Business

- **Town Park Basketball Court:** At Town Council meeting Roger Waddell suggested to table the replacement of the new swing set until an investigation into construction of a full size basketball court was completed. Town Council was in agreement. Park and Tree Board has several unanswered questions such as, room amount needed, and where will funds come from? Rick made a motion that we do not recommend a full size basketball court at this time, and Erica seconded. Vote 5-0 in favor.
- **Inclusive Playground New Fundraiser Ideas:** 1) Be added to County Clerk's agenda. Jill will contact Jeff Lipinski, 2) Set up meeting with TIF Board, and Town Council, 3) In-Kinds.
- **Park and Tree Board Table at 2024 Craft Fair:** Rick suggested renting a table to be used for information and fundraising. Rick made the motion, seconded by Erica. Vote 5-0 in favor.
- **December Meeting:** Meeting to be on December 12th at 5:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned: Rick made the motion, Reba seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

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