Russiaville Park and Tree Board

October Regular Board Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2026

Members

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

Topics

- **Minutes:** Rick made a motion to accept September minutes, Cheri seconded, motion carries 5-0 in favor.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Rick reported changes in Account #2408. Account #2204 which holds the Gene Parks Fund-CC Park Earmark will be closed out at the year's end then the account will be dissolved.

Community Center Park Playground:

- **Playground,Shelter,Restroom -** Ribbon Cutting Celebration was held on September 19,2026. Door prizes and refreshment were enjoyed by enthusiastic members of the community, and members of theTown Council and TIF board.
- **RCCP Restroom -** Paper towel dispenser will remain making it safe to do complete inside wash down. ADA toilet is on its way to replace the porcelain one now installed.
- **DNR Final Inspection -** We will notify DNR of RCCP Project completion.
- **Pavers**- Accent pavers are being held at Kokomo Masonry and Trucking; engraved pavers are being held at Caldwell's Monument.
- **Carson's Way Bookbox-** Temporary installation was completed on September 17, 2026. Janna commented on this; Pat responded that we will secure the box when it is placed permanently in the landscaping. Janna stated Carson's Way will provide funds or material needed to do this.
- **Disk Golf Signs**- Jill presented a quote for sign pricing; single side, $25.00 each. Rick made a motion to replace all signs; Janna seconded. Motion carries 5-0 in favor. Abner and Sons Sign Shop will use the design from signs already in place.
- **Landscaping-** Travis Wunderlich will meet with Jill to evaluate the work site. Planning is on hold until we have finalized the RCCP project budget.

Town Park:

- **Expansion of Basketball Court -** Town Council voted for expansion to be completed by the Fall of 2026. The Court will double the size of the existing court.
- **Replace Serviceberry Tree -** Rick suggested consulting Jeremy for a tree to replace the unhealthy Serviceberry.

New Business

- **RCCP Playground Harness for ADA Companion Swing -** Public comments and Park Board feel the need for harness for child safety be secured. Cost of harness $275.68 from Sinclair Recreation, using money from Park Rehab. Janna made a motion to purchase, Erica seconded. Vote in favor 5-0. Rick suggested placing decals on swing concerning child safety;"*Child not to be left alone in swing"*
- **10 New Trees -** Rick reported these trees were planted around town at different places.

Meeting Adjourned:

6:33PM

Motion made by Erica to adjourn, seconded by Cheri

Motion passes 5-0 in favor

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