

Russiaville Redevelopment Commission (TIF Board)

Regular Board Meeting

8/27/2026

Present: Myrna Claar, Rick Homkes, Cindy Hurst, Ned Sutherland (late)

Absent: Mark Fulk, Kevin Johnson

Guest(s): None

Start: 18:03

Topics

Welcome

- The meeting was opened by Secretary Rick Homkes with a welcome to everyone.

Finance

- Rick reported the spending plan for '26 will have to be changed and a spending plan created for '27. In '27 our revenue will be over \$100K but the budget was set at \$50K. Expenses were reviewed for '26.

Minutes

- Motion by Myrna to accept the July minutes as presented, second by Ned. Approved unanimously.

TIF Allocation Area (TIF 2) and EDA Changes

- Nothing to report.

South Union Crossover Project

- The sign parts have been delivered, and Mark will arrange with the town for installation.

CC Park Picnic Shelter

- There will be an overage in expense for the picnic shelter beyond the '25 encumbrance amount. The amount has not yet been determined. There is money in the budget to cover this if the board wishes to do so.

Resurfacing of B-Ball / Pickleball Court at the Lions Club

- We received a call from Corbin King today. He said that he represents the town council, not the RRC, and so the RRC should contact their own counsel for advice on how TIF monies can be used. This will be done as soon as possible.
- The Lions Club has received a \$7K grant from the Community Foundation and \$3K from a directed donation through the Indiana Lions Foundation. There is at least one other grant application in process.
- The project will probably start before our next meeting, so some information will be sent to you.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be on September 24 at 6pm.

Other Comments

- Rick advised the Board about a proposed project called "Cycling without Age" from Samaritan Caregivers. This project uses a special bicycle with two seats (side by side) in front in addition to the person pedaling. The clients for the project would be seniors with some mobility issues that would still like to be on a bike ride. The Break-away Bicycle Club is interested in supporting this project with volunteers. Samaritan Caregivers is interested in doing a pilot in Russiaville. Ned recommended asking Melody from Samaritan Caregivers be invited to our next meeting.
- A quick review of the court project was done.
- Ned discussed how the street project done by INDOT has really improved the town, e.g. the crossover signs.
- Motion by Kevin to adjourn, second by Myrna. Passed unanimously.
- Meeting ended at 18:29.

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