



## April Regular Board Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2023

### Members

- **Present:** Jill Newby, Rick Homkes, Janna Hyman, Reba Casler, Jeremy Burns, Erica Parvin
- **Absent:** Cherie Helmberger
- **Guest:** None
- **Meeting:** Started 5:01 pm

### Topics

- **Minutes:** Motion made by Rick to accept minutes as written, seconded by Reba. Vote to approve 6-0 in favor.
- **Treasurer Report:** Rick reported there was nothing new..

### Old Business

- **Playground Community Center Park**
  - Pavers – Reba had nothing new to report
  - Alternative ideas for CC Park bathroom – Jeremy shared pictures. He talked with Westfield Park Department about more information. We are looking at one unisex stainless steel equipped restroom in a block or cement building. Price discussed was \$35K plus fixtures.
- **Fundraisers**
  - **New Fundraiser ideas:**
    - Jim Dandy – Fifteen percent of total sales on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 pm will go toward the Inclusive Playground.
    - Car Show – Erica reported that Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> would be a good date. Discussion was had about a possible \$20 entry fee with a \$25 late fee. Small prizes would be given to those judged the winners in varying categories. Erica will create a flyer for the event.
  - **Corporate Donor Appointments**
    - Martin Marietta - Janna and Jill met with Jason McClain from Martin Marietta. It is now in the hands of the MM Indiana Vice President. We are asking for a monetary donation at this time. Later we may ask for an in-kind donation.
    - Community Foundation – Janna and Jill met with Emerald Blankenship who is the liaison between those seeking a grant and the Foundation. She was very



helpful and had them fill out a grant form. Jill and Rick have an appointment on April 11<sup>th</sup> to meet with the grant committee to present the Inclusive Playground proposal with a \$100K ask.

- Jerry Davis – Janna and Jill met with Jerry Davis who wanted to talk about possible donations from Functional Devices and Ken Rittman. Jerry was going to set up an appointment with Mark Fernandez, CEO/President of Functional Devices.

#### ➤ **Town Park**

##### ○ **Replace wood swing structure at Town Park (Brady Park)**

Nick Branyon, sales rep from Play Pro, said the install date would possibly be April 7<sup>th</sup>. We need to provide 20 – 80 lb. bags of Quikrete. Town guys will remove the old structure along with the bench and cement pad behind the swing structure. We will confirm the date for installation.

- **Summer Programs** – for youth at Town Park. Janna and Jill are trying to plan a couple of events. Erica said she has some ideas. This is put on hold for now.

- **Ash Trees Removed** – Two dying Ash Trees are to be removed in Town Park. The benches around the two trees have already been removed. There is also a dying tree in the foundation plantings at CC that needs to be removed. Remaining funds for tree maintenance may be used to purchase replacement trees. Jeremy is going to look into pricing for four trees and can possibly get them donated.

- **New Park Board member** –Cherie Helmberger was approved by Town Council

- **Compost at Water Treatment Plant** – Rick had no news to report.

- **Recycling Bins at Town Hall** –Partnership with Lion’s Club. There is a meeting planned with Kokomo Recycling.

- **Little League Parade** – April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion on whether to have a Park and Tree Board Float in the Parade. Decided to wait another year for better timing.

- **Eagle Scout Project** – Joshua Conley wanted to build a GaGA Pit but both the Park Board and the Town Council did not think we had room for it at either park.

- **Community Day** - May 16<sup>th</sup>, Rain date May 17<sup>th</sup>. A discussion was had about supervisors and projects needing to be done. Erica and Rick are available. Jill will look for mulch donation.

#### **New Business**

- **Park Rules Signs** –Josh Ferguson wants signs in the parks stating Park Rules making sure to add “Not responsible for abandoned property”. A discussion over the policies



governing the parks was very extensive and too long to put on a sign. Jill will talk to Josh about this.

- **Mission Statement and Vision Statement** –Tabled until next month.

**Adjourn:** 7:01 pm

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