



## June Regular Board Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2023

### Members

- **Present:** Jill Newby, Rick Homkes, Cheri Helmberger, Janna Hyman
- **Absent:** Reba Casler, Jeremy Burns, Erica Parvin
- **Guest(s):** None
- **Meeting Opened:** Jill opened the meeting for business at 5:00 pm.

### Topics

- **Minutes:** Rick will report on minutes from May's meeting at a later date.
- **Treasurer Report:** \$4900.00 to be used to purchase swings for the Town Park. Rick made a motion, seconded by Janna, to place approximately \$5000.00 from Gene Parks account into the CC Playground Fund. Vote to pass 4-0 in favor.

### Old Business

- **Playground Community Center Park:**
  - **Pavers:** No new news.
- **Fundraising:**
  - **Jim Dandy:** Rick reported less than \$200.00 was made he's waiting for a call to pick up the check.
  - **Car Show:** Erica sent a text stating she had been unable to get sponsorships. She was advised it would take a year in advance to prepare and contact vendors.
- **Corporate Donor Appointments:**
  - **Martin Marietta and Functional Devices:** Jill has not received any news.
  - **Merrell Brothers:** Cheri's attempts to reach someone have been unsuccessful at this point.
  - **Craig Severns – COKE** - No reply.
- **Town Park:**
  - **New Basketball Rim and Net:** These were hung by Craig Thompson on May 24.
  - **Old Wood Swing:** Will be replaced by a new 2 bay structure which will hold an Oodle swing and an ADA compliant seat swing. Jill will contact Play Pro. \$4900.00 will come from Park Rehab Fund.
  - **New Trees:** Thank you Jeremy Burns for recruiting the donation of 4 new trees.
  - **Summer Program:** Jill and Janna have put this on hold due to funds and needed help.



- **Eagle Scout Project:** *Gaga Pit* moving forward with fundraising. *The Raised Garden* is now completed, planted, along with being landscaped with mulch.
- **Compost at Water Treatment Plant:** Rick said more discussion later when plans are more in place.
- **Partnership with Lions Club on Recycling Bins:** Tentative talk with Mikki Jeffers at the Lions Club on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm.
- **Community Service Day:** Successful as stated by Jill and she also thanked everyone for their help.
- **Park Rule Signs:** Meeting was held with Josh and Myrna. Rules were then decided on for the parks. Pond Rules was also noted at the bottom. The board agreed to receive suggestions from Clifford Signs for design and appropriate wording. (Not starting every rule with NO: etc.) Jill passed out a list of the rules to those in attendance.
- **Mission Statement and Vision Statement:** Rick passed out drafts of both statements. Changes to the Vision Statement were discussed and we voted to change the ending to the presented draft. Cheri made a motion to accept changes with a second by Rick. Vote 4-0 in favor.

### **New Business**

- **Turtle Research:** IU-Kokomo will be doing a Graduate Study led by Michael Finkler PhD. Motion made by Rich to accept Cheri seconded, vote 4-0 to accept.
- **Russiaville Twisters:** Rhiannon Thompson, Joey Dyer, Missy Smith is resigning their positions on the Twisters organization. The Park and Tree Board, through Jill, was contacted as a group to take over their duties. After discussion it was concluded that until the Community Center Park Inclusive Playground project is completed, we will be unable to take on any major responsibilities. The motion to not accept was made by Janna with second by Cheri. Vote 4-0 to decline.
- **Deadline for CCP Playground Fundraising:** After discussion of time needed to prepare for DNR grant deadline in June 2024 our cutoff date will be April 2024. Motion made to accept was made by Janna with a second by Rick. Vote 4-0 in favor of cutoff date.
- **No July Meeting:** Group discussion ended with cancelling July 2023 Regular Board Meeting and resuming in August.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion made by Janna to adjourn at 7:12 pm seconded by Rick. Vote 4-0 in favor.