

Russiaville Redevelopment Commission (TIF Board)

Regular Board Meeting

11/20/2025

Present: Myrna Claar, Mark Fulk, Rick Homkes, Cindy Hurst, Kevin Johnson, Ned Sutherland

Absent: None

Guest(s): Junior Claar

Start: 18:00

Topics

Welcome

- The meeting was opened by President Mark with a welcome to all.

Minutes

- Mark brought up the minutes of the last meeting and asked for additions or corrections. There was a missing second to one of the motions. Rick will go back to video and add. Motion made by Kevin to accept the minutes with that correction, second by Ned. Passed 4-0.

Finance

- Finance report is the same as last month as there were no new transactions. Rick requested that the discussion of the 2026 spending plan be moved to new business at the end of the meeting. So noted by Mark.

TIF Allocation Area (TIF 2) and EDA Changes

- An AutoCAD compatible map of the town was provided by the Howard County Auditors Department. This was sent on to Dave Kieser. This is what he has been waiting for. Rick will email Dave to see if it opens properly.

Town / School Signage

- The four small changes discussed by the Board last month were sent to Hall Signs and incorporated into the design. Rick did approve and it has been sent to production. The last proof was passed around the Board. In response to Kevin, Rick said that the price was the same.

South Union Crossover Project

- Mark is continuing to investigate options and vendors.

Portable Vehicle Speed Display Project

- Mark reported that the three signs have been delivered. Ned reported that the Marshal's Office has started to mount one of the signs on the portable trailer. The trailer needs a title and Indiana license. Don Parvin from the Town Council told Mark to let him know as soon as the locations are determined. Locates will have to be done.

CC Park Picnic Shelter

- Rick reported that the price offset for donated electrical material was split between the shelter and restroom by the two contractors. This in-kind donation offset brought the cost of the pavilion from \$62,350 to \$59,200. The rest of the donated material cost will be applied to the restroom.

Next Meeting

- The next scheduled meeting falls on Christmas. Rick asked if we could do the same as this month and move it to the third Thursday. Ned said that the RCO could move their meeting to 7pm and have it again at the Town Hall.

Spending Plan for 2026

- Rick reviewed the needs of the plan and mentioned that it does have to be sent to the state. Mark asked for input to the plan. Kevin asked if the Town Park basketball court could be expanded to a full court. Rick outlined why that project was not done previously and brought up that there is a full court at the Lions Club that could be resurfaced in a public / private partnership. A pickleball court was next discussed and Kevin said that a pickleball court has been painted at the Lions Club. Rick mentioned that the Lions Club did buy a portable net but that it is not used. Kevin will check with the Lions Club on these possibilities. Mark supported the cross-over on South Union. He estimated that \$8K will take care of the poles, lights, and button. Ned brought up the Cloverleaf Trail and asked that it be kept in mind. This would also be a way to have a "Safe Walk to School" in addition to being part of a trail going from Kokomo to Frankfort. Rick asked Ned if he would like to propose some monies for professional services on this. Mark said that he was interested in more work within the Town and the "Around the Town" trail was discussed. Striping at South Union was also brought up. Ned mentioned that First Baptist has sold property to INDOT from a crosswalk across SR-26 at the church. Rick asked to include picnic tables for the shelter to complete the shelter project and to help the Park & Tree Board. A discussion of creating a Career Center in Russiaville was then discussed. Mark listed a number of benefits for the community. After more discussion, it was moved by Rick to create a spending plan for '26 consisting of:

- \$8K for South Union Crossover
- \$10K for picnic tables for the new Shelter
- \$39.5K for professional fees (trails, TIF2/EDA2, career center, etc.)
- \$30K for expansion of walking and golf cart paths
- \$2.5K for Board Compensation
- \$10K for contingencies

Second by Ned. Carried unanimously.

Other

- None.

Closing

- Mark said that he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Moved by Kevin, second by Myrna to adjourn. Carried unanimously.

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- Meeting ended at 19:00.

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