



April Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 5, 2022

Members

- **Present:** Rick Homkes, Janna Hyman, Suzy Landrum, Jill Newby, Beth Davis, Reba Casler
- **Absent:** Erica Parvin
- **Guests:** None
- Meeting started at 7:06 p.m.

Topics

- **Minutes:** Motion to accept Minutes was made by Rick, and seconded by Beth. Approval vote 6-0 in favor.
- **Treasurer Report:** Rick gave a short summary of current discussions of the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Board. TIF is a funding source for monies using property taxes. After a TIF area is designated, all increases in taxes from property go into the TIF fund. In other words, the “increment” or additional monies from property taxes due to increased valuations do not go to school, library, etc. Instead they are to be used by the TIF Board / Municipality for economic development projects within a redevelopment area. Examples of use include sidewalks, sewers, waterlines, parking facilities, and park or recreation areas. Some possible projects discussed include town entrance signage, a sidewalk to the library, lighting along the current sidewalks to the west side of town, and a nicer frontage for the shopping center. One issue is that some of these projects are outside of the redevelopment area, but TIF money can be used outside of the area if it will “serve” the area. We are hoping for a definition of that term.

Old Business

- **RTP Funding:**
 - **New Paver Project:**
 - Nothing new to report at this time.
 - **Shelter/Playground in CC Park:**
 - Nothing new from Colts Organization.
 - Rick emailed Diana Tenbrook at SFCU and has not received a reply
 - **Coin boxes appeals**, have been replaced by Rick and now support the Playground/Shelter project for CC Park.
 - **Scout Service Project:**
 - No new birdhouse placements.
 - Pat Reel will be helping a young lady of Scouting USA who will be creating a Community Garden project.
- **Community Center:**
 - **Digital pictures**, waiting on reply from Newlins.
 - **Community Center Baffles**, Town Council will be making a decision.



- **Waddell's:**
 - **Mural on West Outside Wall**, we have not received an Okay from Jon and Julie Newlin, and the Suburu grant window has closed for this year. We look to hopefully apply in 2023.
- **Russiaville Town Park:**
 - **Swing Seat Replacements**, Jill has notified Don Parvin and he said the town will be able to install.
- **Five Year Plan:**
 - Jill sent information to Mark DuBois (Western School Corporation, Assistant Superintendent) who is passing the question on to Jim MacIntire concerning an agreement between the town and Western, for the use of the Field House.
 - Rick commented that the Five Year Plan is now complete and accepted.
- **Facebook :**
 - Please use *Russiaville Park and Tree Board* to post updates and pictures.
- **Community Service Day:**
 - Dates will be May 12th with rain-out date May 13th.
 - Jill asked for available supervisors. Reba, Beth, Suzy, Rick, and Janna will be helping.
 - Jill also asking to reach out to the community for projects, and available golf carts.
- **Fund Raiser:**
 - Discussion was held on types of fund raisers we could hold. It was decided a Color Run was by now outdated.

New Business

- **Playground Community Center Park**
 - Reba, Jill, and Janna shared with those in attendance the results of a meeting with Jason Moos (owner of Play Pro Playground equipment), and Shawn Bolinger.
 - Pictures of equipment, ground surfacing, playground placement, and a list of suggested donors.
 - Jason offered help with presentations to Chrysler Corp., Ascension and Community Howard Hospitals, Community Foundation, along with any other donor we would like his assistance with.
 - Plans were sent to designer and Jill will be notified when they are ready. All in attendance were in favor of, if needed, calling a special meeting to help move this project along.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Motion made by Reba, 2nd by Rick. Vote in favor 6-0.