



RUSSEVILLE PARK & TREE BOARD



2016 Accomplishment Report

Below is a list of what the Russiaville Park and Tree Board has accomplished or helped to accomplish.

- Planted grass seed at the Community Center Park. This was done in cooperation with the Tractor Pull group.
- Applied for a Recreational Trails Program grant from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for the construction of a trail behind the Jeff Stout Community Center. The project budget is ~\$150K with an ~\$120K ask. This grant is in review.
- Applied for and received a grant from the Community Foundation of Howard County for Wellness and Beautification. The project budget was \$4800 (actual \$4944) with a \$3075 reimbursement. All town cash outlays were more than reimbursed by the grant and donations. The final report has been submitted and grant money received. Outcomes were:
 - Purchased and installed two benches for walkers, one at the Western Heights Pond and one for the Interurban Station.
 - Purchased and installed a flag pole with solar powered light at the Jeff Stout Community Center.
 - Purchased several utility pole banners.
 - Planted over 1000 daffodil bulbs plus many smaller flower bulbs for spring blooming. This was completed as part of a BSA Eagle Project by Bryce Borden.
- Brushed out the trail and partially filled in some washouts at the back of the Western Heights Pond. The brushing out was completed as part of the WHS Senior Community Day, which members of the Board helped to coordinate.
- Removed broken airplane from Brady Park and installed a toddler picnic table.
- Spread new mulch at Town Park and Brady Park. This was done as part of WHS Senior Community Day and Main Street Christian Church Youth Group.
- Contracted with a certified playground inspector to check the condition of the park.
- Expanded the perimeter of the Russiaville Town Park to increase distance from playground equipment. This was completed as part of a BSA Eagle Project by Joshua Hampshire.
- Replaced the mulch in the Community Center Circle with a weed barrier and stone.
- Planted over 20 tree seedlings at the Western Heights Pond.
- Worked with town council member on problem trees.
- Purchased safety vests for volunteer projects.
- Installed aerator at Western Heights Pond as part of a Technology Senior Project by Justin Thompson of Purdue Polytechnic – Kokomo.



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- Planted additional native perennial flowers at the Community Center Park.
- Maintained the landscaping around the Jeff Stout Community Center.
- Completed a Parks and Recreation Survey as part of a restarted five year plan for the IDNR.

Not accomplished from 2016 Project Plans:

- Build a Sand Volleyball Court in the Community Center Park
 - The project champion moved out of town and the project has been dropped.



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2017 Project Goals and Objectives

#1: Develop more recreational walking opportunities for the Town

- Contingent upon receiving the Recreational Trails Program grant, begin work on negotiating with other stakeholders, select construction managers / consultants, and develop initial project plans.
- Develop a better plan for the “Around the Town” conceptual trail.

#2: Create a new Parks and Recreation Five Year plan for the IDNR

#3: Continue Town Park rehabilitation

- Based on the playground inspection from 2016, continue to upgrade park equipment and remove problem items.
- Apply for a grant to help fund this project.

#4: Plant trees along Railroad Street

- This is contingent upon approval of the land use agreement with Norfolk Southern RR.
- The source of funding is the remaining ~\$1K in private donations that were made as part of the Urban Forest grant from the IDNR.
- This is a holdover from 2016 plans.

#5: Bring in more stone for the Community Center Circle

#6: Complete additional tree and flower planting

- E.G. Replace the two trees at the Town Hall.

The costs for these projects can be supplied from multiple sources: appropriations, gifts, grants, Gene Parks Fund, admissions from tractor pulls as well as volunteer labor and private donations.



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