



May Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 4, 2021

Members

- **Present:** Reba Casler, Beth Davis, Rick Homkes, Jill Newby
- **Absent:** Janna Hyman, Suzy Landrum, Erica Parvin
- **Guests:** Emily Blumenberg – Scouts

Topics

- **Meeting Opened:** Jill opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.
- **Minutes:** Rick moved to accept the minutes as presented, Reba seconded. Motion passed.
- **Shelter / Playground at CC Park:** Jill will meet with Erica and Beth in May to plan strategy.
- **Sound Baffles for CC:** Waiting on Dave Kieser.
- **Artwork for the parks**
 - **Caterpillar:** No new information.
 - **Iron Wheels:** Should plan on dedication in the next few months along with Crane Soul.
 - **Crane Soul:** It was installed 4/19. It was named Crane Soul / Cecaahkwa Ciipay by Mayor Tyler Moore of Kokomo, whose 4x grandfather was the last civil chief of the Miami Jean Baptiste Richardville, for whom Russiaville is named. A gift card was given to sculptor Greg Steel for his work installing the sculpture.
 - **Grant:** Rick reported that there is ~\$385 left in the \$7500 Art and Signage grant from the Community Foundation. Motion by Rick, second by Reba to spend the remainder on dedication plaques from Tate Engraving (language sent previously) and pea stone for Iron Wheels. Motion passed.
- **Pickle ball court:** Will wait on survey to be completed by community before doing any more on this.
- **Community Day:** Discussed if town guys will power wash the wood train at the Interurban. (Later note: Pat Reel washed it as best he could. Water turned off so can't hook up power washer. Pat said train getting too delicate to be power washed.) Ask Craig about yellow paint. (Later note: It was ordered but didn't come in on time). Seventy trees at Community Center Park need mulch spread around them. Town guys are going to spray before that is done. (Later note: Rick staged the mulch which allowed the senior class to finish spreading mulch around the trees and around the playground). Job opportunities discussed. Beth volunteered to take care of the Community Center plantings.
- **Tree planting:** Need a tree planted in Russiaville Town Park to replace one that was lost. (Later note: Reba's sister-in-law Barbie bought a dogwood and delivered it to Town Hall. Rick and Darlene planted it).
- **Tree planting at CC Park:** Discussion of possibly plant a line of pine trees to keep discs from going on private property. (Later note: Jill later talked to Donnie, he said we will not be doing anything).



- **Arbor Day Programs at Russiaville Library:** Rick reported that a children’s program called Trees are Treemendous was put on by Susan Bednarz. It was very well received. Also the tree giveaway at the library, and later the Kokomo Farmers Market, went well with all 200 trees and 42 pollinator plants given away. This can be used as part of our Tree City USA application for 2021.
- **Water Fountain** – A water fountain for the Russiaville Town Park has been delivered. It will be paid for by the county.
- **Benches:** Reba and Jill arranged the placement of two 6’ benches to be installed at the Russiaville Mobile Home Park for the kids to use while waiting for the school bus. The Town delivered the benches. These benches were given to the Park and Tree Board by the Howard County Recycling District.
- **Facebook:** Discussion on Facebook entries. Jill will ask Erica for password.
- **CC Checklist:** Megan thinks we need a check list of chores to be completed before a renter leaves the Community Center. (Later note: Rick found previous checklist, edited, and sent to Megan)
- **Scouts:** Emily Blumenberg, scout leader spoke about service projects the Cub Scouts could perform. Wants someone to talking about ADA compliance (Later note: Rick did the talk on May 17th at 6:30). Emily also talked about a campout to be held June 17 and 18 at either Major League Ball Field or CC Park.
- **Adjourn: 9:11 pm**
- **Minutes taken by Jill Newby.**