

August 2016 Minutes

Members:

- Present: Ashley Wyrick, Josh Welch, Jill Newby, Laura Redding, Reba Casler, Rick Homkes
- Absent: : Kyle Parvin, Sabrina Parnham, Erica Parvin, Beth Davis, Matt Johnson
- Guests: Jason Hampshire (part of meeting)
- Meeting started at 5:30 PM on 8/1/2016

Topics:

- Russiaville Town Park Update:
 - Jason Hampshire discussed his proposed Eagle Scout Project in relationship to the safety inspection done by Playground Inspections, Inc. After some discussion with the Board he decided to refocus his project on the park boundary instead of the swings. This will probably include an expanded perimeter, new boundary timbers, and an access ramp from the parking lot.
 - ACTION ITEM: Jill Newby will work with Erika Parvin to prioritize the other items mentioned in the inspection report.
- Recreational Trails Program Grant Application Update:
 - Laura Redding reported that we are still in the running for the grant. The IDNR has turned over the finalists to the federal DOT for review and approval. The naming of the trail was discussed, with the consensus of the board to use a name of “Russiaville Walking Trail” along with a possible dedication.
- CFHC Wellness and Beautification Grant Update (Around the Town Project):
 - Rick Homkes reported that three P.O.’s have been submitted to the town. These are for the benches at the Interurban Station and Western Heights Pond, and the flagpole at the Jeff Stout Community Center.
 - ACTION ITEM: Ashley Wyrick reported that she will be submitting the harvest themed utility pole banners to the town soon and has collected some community money for the project.
 - Rick Homkes stated that the third part of the project (spring flowering bulb planting) will probably be done as part of an Eagle Scout project.
- Town Property Naming:
 - Rick Homkes reported on the naming discussion that occurred at the last town council meeting. After some discussion it was decided to recommend to the town council the consistent naming of four parcels that are being worked on by the Park and Tree Board. These would be the “Russiaville Town Park” (consisting of Brady Park for toddlers, the children’s park, the Chandler Pavilion, and the basketball court), the “Community Center Park” (behind the Jeff Stout Community Center), the “Western Heights Pond”, and the “Interurban Station”.
 - ACTION ITEM: Rick Homkes will prepare a resolution for council consideration.
- Upgrades to the Jeff Stout Community Center:

- There was an offer by a community member to buy some small upgrades for the Center. Discussion of possible items to purchase included shades, a new PA system, and an umbrella rack.
- ACTION ITEM: Ashley Wyrick will discuss the possible donor and bring it back to the board next month.
- Community Center Circle:
 - Beth Davis reported through Laura Redding that no more mulch has been spread since it is flowing out of the low side of the block circle. She recommended consideration of a second (higher) row of blocks on the south side of the circle and estimated 12-14 blocks would do the job. Discussion followed as to how Backyard Gardeners could help with this and what made it happen. Also Beth Davis was commended for doing a good job of maintaining the landscaping around the center.
 - ACTION ITEM: Reba Casler will call Backyard Gardeners about the problem and try to work out a solution.
- Community Center Kitchen:
 - Josh Welch reported that he still needs a drawing of the kitchen in order to submit an application for certification.
 - ACTION ITEM: Josh Welch will work with Megan Reel to try and find some blueprints
- Web Site:
 - Rick Homkes reported that the www.russiaville.gov URL is available from the federal government. The cost is \$125/year.
 - ACTION ITEM: Laura Redding will discuss this with Kyle Parvin.
- Beach Volleyball Court:
 - Josh Welch reported that there has not been much activity on fund raising regarding this project at the Community Center Park. As part of the discussion, it was stated that the Town Council did authorize \$3500 towards that project if the rest could be raised.
 - ACTION ITEM: Josh Welch will contact the volleyball coach to see if there is still interest in this project, or whether it should be dropped.
- Next Meeting:
 - Because of Labor Day, it was decided to have the **next meeting on 9/12 at 5:30 PM**
- Adjourned at 7:15.