



## July 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

### **Members:**

- Meeting started at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, 7/10/2019
- Present: Reba Casler, Rick Homkes, Janna Hyman, Matt Johnson, Jill Newby
- Absent: Erica Parvin, Ashley Wyrick
- Guests: None

### **Topics:**

- Minutes: Secretary was not present to report.
- Financial Report: Treasurer was not present to report.
- RTP
  - John Ellison from Kieser Group wants to schedule a walkthrough with a representative from Davidson, Kieser and the Town Council. A date has not been established for this at this time. After a punch list is made and corrections made, the DNR will come in and do an inspection. We should have a representative from the Park Board present at both of those inspections.
  - Jill brought up the idea of two Golf Cart Crossing signs. Jill and Rick had discussed two places to put the signs, one being north of the restrooms and the other at the access way off of 775.
  - No motorized vehicle signs have been installed. Animal waste dispenser has not but it was determined that it be north and east of the trail head, but not too close to the drinking fountain.
  - Mile Marker Project will be at the library on July 18th from 2-5. There will be 7 distance markers and 4 smaller markers. Rick will need help mixing the cement for the forms. Reba said she would help. He is hoping to enlist Junior O'Neal for help with this project.
- RTP Fundraising: There was no report on the bricks or the donation letter. Reba asked if it was still alright to put the bricks in the circle near the trail head and was told that it was. Jill reported that she asked Judi Johnson about First Farmers Bank donating a bench for the trail. Judi said she still planned on it and asked for specific costs. Jill got the information from Rick and passed it along to Judi. Haven't heard from Judi yet. Jill will contact her.
- Community Center Cleaning: Rick Homkes got two new bids. One was from Fire and Flood for ~\$6500 and the other was from the A Team for ~\$7200. These are both obviously unacceptable. Rick will get another bid from Service Master.
- Foundation Grant: Art and signage update
  - Trees are all labeled with the species markers. Rick is going to also put up signage for flowers and planters. The mile markers are a part of this grant and will be completed at the library on July 18th and then installed. Rick has already marked the exact location they will be placed.
  - Interpretive signs – Ideal Fencing will be installing 6 signs for \$380. There will be 3 signs at the pollinator gardens and 3 along the trail. Those include Indiana Native Trees, Benefits of the Urban Forest, and Pollinator Friendly Practices.



- Matt brought up asking Susan Alexander about the sculptures we want to put up around the trail. Greg Steele, who assisted her on the Kokomo project, is on the committee for us. Rick will try to contact her.
- Eagle Scout Project: Caleb Woolace will call Rick when he is ready to install the bat houses.
- Face Book Page: Erica has our Face Book page up and running. There are already pictures and information on the page. We will be putting the Park Rules on the Website as well as on our Face Book page. Jill will contact Erica and Rhiannon about this.
- Deck Box: Erica and her family put it together and it is at the Community Center near the Horse Shoe pits. The horse shoes are in the box. Rick and Jill are going to see about getting some lawn games and soccer balls to put in there as well.
- Rule Signs for Parks: There are several signs up already.
- Garden Stroll at the Community Center: Rick suggested that the pollinator gardens be a part of the Master Gardeners garden stroll in the future. It might be determined in part by the location of other gardens they will be visiting. Rick said in order for this to be feasible, there will need to be a commitment by the Park Board to help with weeding and getting the gardens ready. It was determined that our hearts are willing, but our bodies not so much. We will need to get some help in that area.
- Celebration of the Trail/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Matt has large scissors. We discussed possible activities that could occur during that time. We discussed a children's foot race, face painting, pledges from groups to walk around the trail, involving RCO, a Horseshoe Tournament, Matt and a friend DJing the event, and possible coverage from the press. A date was not set, but sometime in September was suggested.
- Community Foundation: Rick is one of six representing Russiaville. There is a potential for a matching grant from Lilly.
- Rick also brought up that Vacation Bible School in Russiaville decided to fill a wheel barrow with pennies and donate it to the Special Needs Playground. A total of \$1000 was donated, \$665 from the kids.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Minutes taken by Jill Newby.