



March Regular Board Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2024

Members

- **Present:** Jill Newby, Reba Casler, Rick Homkes, Janna Hyman, Cheri Helmberger, Jeremy Burns, Erica Parvin, Town Council Liaison Pat Reel
- **Absent:** None
- **Guests:** None
- **Meeting Started:** 5:01 pm

Topics

- **Minutes:** Cheri made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Jeremy seconded the motion. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote in favor.
- **Treasurers Report:** Rick reported the Playground Fund has a balance of \$192,040.58.

Old Business

- **Community Center Park Playground:**
- **Fundraisers – Project “Kids Helping Build the Playground”** Jill and Janna delivered fliers and brochures to Western Primary and Intermediate buildings. Monies earned from the weeklong campaign were \$2,770.00. Park Board agreed to continue the fundraiser through April 5, 2024.
- **Corporate Donors:**
 - **Martin Marietta** – Jill requested an in-kind of 100 ton of crushed stone. Waiting for a last answer.
 - **Merrell Brothers** – Jean Merrell sent Janna a text message saying they would donate \$500.00.
 - **Kings** – Rick is working on a plan to collect a donation.
 - **Howard County Commissioners** – On March 4, 2024, Rick and Jill presented the Community Center Park project to Commissioners' Jeff Lipinski, Jack Dodd, and Brad Bray. Commissioners were very receptive; said they would take it under advisement and Commissioner Lipinski would later inform us of their decision
 - **Community 1ST** – Jill and Janna met with Community 1st with a positive outcome of a \$5,000.00 donation.
 - **Greg Aaron** – Jill gave accolades to Greg for his contributions in aiding the Park Board in receiving donations. *His communications with Community 1st have been appreciated, and his role as liaison between the board and Play Pros.*



- **Carson's Way**- Janna received a \$1,000.00 check from Matt Nuss.

Town Park

- **Bongo Drum** – Bongos have been delivered.
- **Rush to Russiaville Craft Fair** - The Park and Tree Board has a table reserved for the Craft fair to be used for board information.

New Business

- **Davidson In-kind** – Jill talked with Rhiannon about an excavation in-kind for the playground project. Rhiannon worked numbers producing \$13,093.92 in-kind; she also was helpful in helping Jill locate a culvert pipe from Ferguson's to be used in the mound structure on the playground.
- **Huston Solar and Electric** – Janna talked with both representatives asking them to contact Lucas Rhees who will be contracted to build the Pavilion, and Bathroom. Working toward an in-kind which board still needs to determine.
- **Gene Parks 5k and Fun Run** – 9:00 am, Fun Run being on part RCO's, and Ainsley's Angels will be participating. The run will end at the site of the new playground. Laurie Seaman has donated a tent, and we will have a table set up from where we will pass out playground information along with small gift and treat.
- **Ball Park Opening Day - April 20, 2024.** Reba talked with Taylor White, who suggested we could set up a table with Playground Project information. Being opening day we will be hard to staff. Erica mentioned a basket to raffle off. Jill asked if she would head that up, and Erica agreed to do so.
- **DNR Grant** - The board is closing in on the April 1st deadline for fundraising, and to our \$250,000.00 goal to match DNR minimum requirement for matching grant. Jill stated we should not wait to start preparing and collecting needed materials, to be ready to submit to the DNR in June; critiquing will take up time during the summer months. Board members were in total agreement. Pat Reel and Rick discussed surveys, and titles. Open public meeting to be planned.

Meeting Adjourned: at 6:20 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Jill, seconded by Rick. Motion carried with a 6-0 vote in favor.

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