



August 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Members:

- Meeting started at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, 8/7/2018
- Present: Reba Casler, Rick Homkes, Jill Newby (no quorum so no official action taken)
- Absent: Matt Johnson, Erica Parvin, Laura Redding, Ashley Wyrick
- Guests: Sean Childers (Boy Scouts), Scott Sipes (Russiaville Youth Baseball League). Both left early.

Topics:

- Minutes: No minutes available.
- Treasurer's Report: Report given by Homkes in place of Wyrick. Updates given on funds within the Parks Fund.
- Eagle Scout Projects:
 - Childers went through his proposed Eagle Scout project. There are three items at the Historical Society. First is to restore the flower garden. This would entail redoing the perimeter and maybe putting in some new flowers. Second is to buy new wood and install a track for the three train cars, along with possibly pruning some trees around it. Third is to install the bench that is currently in the Station building. This would include a chain to a buried cement block to prevent it from being stolen. All thanked him for his presentation and encouraged him to fill in the required forms with the Scouts. Homkes is currently the contact for this project.
 - Ben Carter was unable to attend and present his plan to install horseshoe pits at the Community Center Park. A comment was made to keep it a long ways from the windows. Redding has been the contact for this project.
- RTP Update: Newby reported on several items regarding the RTP. Sipes joined the discussion.
 - The trail was marked by Newby, Homkes, Sipes, Don Parvin, two people from Davidson and the project manager from Kieser. This has since been sprayed to kill the grass where the trail is going to go.
 - The Park & Tree Board email vote on allowing dogs on the trail pass on a 6-1 vote. A reminder was made by Newby that all dogs would be leashed. She also reported that she had talked to Torrey Roe, the Kokomo Parks superintendent. Roe reported no problems with dogs on their trails and emphasized that Indiana law puts the responsibility and liability for dogs upon the owner.
 - Newby mentioned that trail rules would have to be developed, and hoped that there would not be one set of rules for all parks.
 - There was a short discussion on dog waste. Homkes stated that doggie bag dispensers would cost about \$200. Casler showed what they looked like from a catalog she had.
 - Newby reported that Ellison has requested quotes on water fountains with a dog bowl.
 - Homkes reported that around \$250 has been collected in the donation containers around town. He also reported that McClure's would not put a container on the counter



and that the manager of the Phillips 66 station requested it be removed since it was taking up too much counter room.

- There was a short discussion of the donation request letter. Newby will check with Wyrick.
- Park Signs: Newby reported that she had met with Ron Nearon and that he signs may be ready at the end of August.
- Ash Trees: Newby reported that there were several calls to Tru-Cut regarding injection. The branches have been trimmed by Rice and the trees injected by the person from Tru-Cut. Newby also requested consideration of using some of either the \$975 tree planting fund or the tree appropriated account to plant a couple new trees in the Town Park in case the ash trees are lost. Homkes requested that members look for some good spots.
- Swing Mats: Homkes reported that all mats have been installed over a period of some weeks. People who have helped were Darlene Homkes, neighborhood kids, and volunteers from Main Street and First Baptist.
- Brady Park Fencing: Newby reported getting a bid from Hendershot Fencing. It was brought to the council and they tabled it for more consideration.
- Town Park: Newby reported that the list of items that have been done to bring the park into better condition has been given to Don Parvin. In addition, another piece of ADA equipment has also been requested and the Board should investigate it.
- Five Year Plan: Newby requested consideration of switching the time line on the Community Center Park, putting the Pavilion ahead of the Playground. This will need to be discussed more at the next meeting.
- New Business: Community Foundation Grant Request: Homkes reported that the third cycle grant request for the Community Foundation of Howard County is coming up at the end of the month and that he would like the Board to apply for signage and artwork at the new trail. More information to follow.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Minutes taken by Rick Homkes.