

Wednesday, May 7th, 2025

President Wahlig called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Attending was President Wahlig, Vice President Selman, members Poor, Adams and Carpenter. Also attending was Event Coordinator Tabitha Griva, Superintendent Matt Hanna and Assistant Superintendent Allshouse.

The minutes of March 5<sup>th</sup> 2025 and April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025, meetings were approved with a motion by member Carpenter and seconded by member Poor. All were in favor.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Sheets Family Park Update-** Hanna reported the asphalt work would be starting tomorrow. Next week they will start fencing around the playground area. Everything seems to be moving along well. Hanna mentioned a discussion was made on sight furnishings because Vestil Manufacturing was willing to donate. Hanna reported they will do the playground surfacing around August.

**Easter Event-** Griva reported the Easter Event was moved indoors due to the weather. Giva said attendance was great and that we still had quite a bit of Easter eggs left over. Griva asked the board their thoughts on if in the future, we were to set up games and activities indoors and planned the hunts outdoors. Griva said she believed this would be a good way to be well prepared for inclement weather and only having to adjust the hunts for the day of. President Wahlig agreed this would be a great idea. Vice President Selman asked if the hunts would be where the games were? Griva answered yes and it would give us more room for the hunts. All in favor.

**Citywide Tree Giveaway-** Hanna mentioned the dynamics have changed quite a bit for this program. The school is not as involved as they used to be. There were quite a few trees left over. Hanna reported that we were able to give many away at the Adopt a Tree Festival. Hanna mentioned that the Jr NHS members planted the 30 trees that were signed up to be planted. Hanna said he believes he will need to talk with the Tree board on the species that are chosen in the future. The community wants fast growing trees. Vice President Selman asked what the problem with the schools not wanting to help with the tree planting. Hanna answered the date is falling on testing dates and there is a shortage of teachers.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Open Bids for Tree Memorial Pavilion Project –** Hanna reported one bid came back from Wagler and Associates. Hanna read the total base bid comes in at \$87,661.00. Hanna also read \$26,511.00 in addition to wrapping, composite facia and walls. The bid also gave an option for a screw down metal roof taking away \$3,665.00 or an asphalt roof taking away \$2,224.00. Hanna states the original roof is a standing seam roof. Hanna mentioned the base bid is in our budget. Member Adams makes a motion to accept the bid. Vice President Selman seconded. All in favor.

**Firefly Tour-** Griva stated the Firefly Tour will be Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> with concessions and backyard games starting at 6pm and performance starting at 7pm. Dawgs. President Wahlig asked if will be moved indoors for inclement weather. Griva answered yes to the Community Center.

**Sunglasses at Night-** Griva mentioned the first Concert in the Park will take place Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> with Sunglasses at Night. Griva said this is an 80's and beyond band. Concessions will start at 6pm and the music will begin at pm. Griva said this concert is sponsored by Ruoff Mortgage. President Wahlig asked who will be doing concessions. Griva answered Hoosier Mama Food Truck, Fire and Ice Italian Ice and Guesswork Brewing Company.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Shakespear on Tour-** Griva mentioned Mayor Hickman stopped in the park office with a contact number of a company who was wanting to bring a theatre act of Shakespeare in the Park. Griva said she reached out to the company, and they wanted to charge \$2,000.00 to come here with their act. Griva said after trying to host theatre class with Arts in The Parks and having no interest from the community, she didn't think we would have the attendance for something like this, especially at this price. The board all agreed.

**Arts in the Parks Mural-** Griva mentioned through our Arts in the Parks funding we budgeted for a Mural in the park. We thought it would be great to cover the graffiti on the side of the restrooms. Griva passed around an example Janelle sent her of what she thought would be kid-friendly, bright, and fun for the park. Griva informed the board that because of the type of brick on the side of the restrooms it would be too complicated to paint on top of it. She would paint on slates and attach it to the brick. Hanna mentioned the only downfall would be the attempt to mount it. Hanna was unsure how to drill into the brick, if we would need to hire a company to come do the work. Adams mentioned when she thinks of a mural, she would rather see the painting on the brick. Hanna said from what he understands from the artists, no artist wants to paint on the block or take the chance. Hanna suggested utilizing the portion of the funding to put murals throughout the park. President Wahlig agreed to wanting the mural within the parks just not on the side of the restrooms but maybe along the fencing of the park. Griva said she would reach out to Colleen and Janelle.

No further business, meeting adjourns at 10:32 am.

Jacquelyn Wahlig  
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Matt Hanna  
Matt Hanna, Secretary