

**THE RENSSELAER COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION MEETING**

THE RENSSELAER COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING WAS HELD ON TUESDAY JANUARY 9TH 2024 AT THE PARK HEADQUARTERS AT 212 N. COLLEGE AVE RENSSELAER, INDIANA. PRESIDENT MICHAEL MANIS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:10 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE JANUARY 9TH 2024 MEETING ARE AS FOLLOWS: MICHAEL MANIS, JENNY BOGET, JANICE DENO, GLEN ALLIE (ATTENDED THE MEETING BY PHONE), RICK WILLIAMS, SUE WING, STACE PICKERING & NEW MEMBER FROM THE CITY COUNCIL – JEFF RAYBURN.

OTHERS PRESENT AT THE JANUARY 9TH 2024 MEETING WERE: MAYOR JEFF PHILLIPS, LINCOLN MANIS, JOSH DAVIS, ROBERT SCHENK, AND SUPERINTENDENT JOSEPH G. EFFINGER.

MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 6TH 2023 MEETING WERE PRESENTED AND A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUE WING AND SECONDED BY GLEN ALLIE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

THE TREASURERS REPORT WAS PRESENTED. THE AMOUNT ON HAND IS AS FOLLOWS:

MEMORIAL T-ACCOUNT	\$ 4,499.80
LARUE POOL T-ACCOUNT	\$ 2,482.88
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL T-ACCOUNT	\$ 3,772.68
SKATE PARK T-ACCOUNT	\$ 100.00
NEW AQUATICS T-ACCOUNT	\$ 7,996.54
NEW SHELTER	\$ 0.00
DOG PARK T-ACCOUNT	\$ 1,988.50
WATER AEROBICS/SWIM PROGRAM	\$ 0.00
THOMAS EFFINGER MEMORIAL T – ACCOUNT	\$ 0.00
PARK & LEASURE T – ACCOUNT	\$ 4,260.62
BLACKER FIELDS	\$ 9,190.36
NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE	<u>\$ 1,923.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 36,214.38

CONCESSIONS ACCOUNT \$ 7,965.52

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JENNY BOGET AND SECONDED BY RICK WILLIAMS TO ACCEPT THE TREASURERS REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

PRESIDENT MICHAEL MANIS TOLD PARK CORPORATION MEMBERS THEY NEEDED TO HOLD ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2024 YEAR. A BRIEF DISCUSSION FOLLOWED ABOUT WHO WOULD WANT TO SERVE AS AN OFFICER AND IF THE CURRENT OFFICERS FROM THE 2023 YEAR WERE WILLING TO SERVE ANOTHER TERM.

AFTER THE DISCUSSION, A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICK WILLIAMS AND SECONDED BY SUE WING TO KEEP THE SAME OFFICERS FROM THE 2023 YEAR FOR THE 2024 YEAR. MOTION CARRIED. THE 2024 OFFICERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRESIDENT – MICHAEL MANIS
VICE PRESIDENT – SUE WING
SECRETARY – RICK WILLIAMS
TREASURER – GLEN ALLIE

STACE PICKERING TOLD PARK CORPORATION MEMBERS HE WAS WORKING ON GETTING THE RBI & THE TRAVELING GIRLS SOFTBALL LEASES SIGNED. HE TOLD PARK CORPORATION MEMBERS GREG WHALEY IS STILL WORKING ON THE RENSSELAER BUILT MINIATURE TRAIN PROJECT / GRANT, WORKING ON PERMANENT ITEMS FOR THE TRAIL HEAD SIGN BOARDS AND WOULD LIKE MICHAEL MANIS TO FINISH UP ON THE CONTRACT FOR THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR – HEATHER HALL. A DISCUSSION FOLLOWED.

JEFF RAYBURN ASKED ABOUT CAMERAS FOR FOUNDATION PARK ONCE THE LIGHTING IS INSTALLED TO HELP CONTROL VANDALISM. MAYOR PHILLIPS TOLD PARK CORPORATION MEMBERS HE WORKED WITH THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT ON THE LIGHTING AND WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH ERIC ALLISON ABOUT CAMERAS FOR THE PARK.

SUE WING THANKED SUPERINTENDENT EFFINGER FOR HIS CREW INSTALLING THE MATERIAL AROUND THE BOTTOM OF THE NEW TENNIS COURT FENCE BUT IT NEEDED MORE IN OTHER AREAS. SUPERINTENDENT EFFINGER TOLD CORPORATION MEMBERS, THE PLAN IS TO GO ALL AROUND THE TENNIS COURT FENCE BUT WEATHER STOPPED THEM. AS SOON AS THE WEATHER BREAKS, IT WILL GET FINISHED. THE WORSE AREAS WERE DONE FIRST.

JOSH DAVIS TOLD PARK CORPORATION MEMBERS THE TIF EDUCATIONAL GRANT THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION PASSED FOR THE PARK PROGRAMS FOR THE 2024 YEAR JUST NEEDS AN INVOICE FROM THE PARK CORPORATION TO RECEIVE THE FUNDS. SUPERINTENDENT EFFINGER TOLD CORPORATION MEMBERS HE WILL BE SUBMITTING IT THIS WEEK. JOSH ALSO TOLD CORPORATION MEMBERS HE WOULD BE WORKING WITH SUPERINTENDENT EFFINGER ON FESTIVAL PERMITS.

RICK WILLIAMS COMMENT TO PARK CORPORATION ABOUT HOW NICE THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS LOOKED IN THE PARK AND THROUGHOUT TOWN. RICK ALSO ASKED SUPERINTENDENT EFFINGER HOW THE NEW TRACTOR WAS WORKING? SUPERINTENDENT EFFINGER TOLD CORPORATION MEMBERS IT WORKED GREAT AND IT WAS MUCH NEEDED PIECE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT

MAYOR PHILLIPS TOLD PARK CORPORATION MEMBERS HE WOULD BE WORKING WITH SUPERINTENDENT EFFINGER ON A NEW OFFICE / MAINTENANCE SHOP. THE MAYOR ALSO TOLD MEMBERS HE IS LOOKING INTO DNR GRANTS FOR A TRAIL CONNECTING THE CITY TO THE FAIRGROUNDS. THE MAYOR ALSO TOLD MEMBERS THEY JUST REZONED SOME OF THE ST. JOE COLLEGE GROUNDS FOR A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND WILL LOOK INTO A TRAIL TO GO FROM TOWN TO THE NEW DEVELOPMENT AND POSSIBILITY AROUND LAKE BANET. A DISCUSSION FOLLOWED.

GLEN ALLIE TOLD PARK CORPORATION MEMBERS THE PARKS ARE A GREAT SERVICE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. THE CORPORATIONS CASH BALANCE STAYS THE SAME FROM YEAR TO YEAR SO IT IS HARD TO DO BIG PROJECTS. GLEN WOULD LIKE TO WORK ON A RESERVE STUDY WHERE SPECIAL DONATIONS GO INTO AN ACCOUNT TO HELP WITH PROJECTS. GLEN WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS IT AT OUR FEBRUARY MEETING.

MAYOR PHILLIPS ASKED PARK CORPORATION MEMBERS WHEN HE SUBMITS GRANTS TO HELP WITH FUNDING FOR NEW TRAILS IN OUR COMMUNITY IF CORPORATION MEMBERS COULD SUBMIT LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR THE NEW TRAILS IN OUR COMMUNITY. MEMBERS TOLD THE MAYOR THEY COULD DO THIS.

PRESIDENT MICHAEL MANIS TOLD PARK CORPORATION MEMBERS OUR NEXT PARK CORPORATION MEETING WOULD BE HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 5TH. AT 6:00 PM.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JANICE DENO AND SECONDED BY RICK WILLIAMS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

BY
JOSEPH G. EFFINGER
SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS