

**Present:** Craig and Paula Bonesteel, Rebecca Cox, Pete Gitman, Lisa Goodpaster (secretary), J.P. Hall (president), Brad Marshall (treasurer).

**Absent:** Brad Polk (vice president).

**Minutes**

After reviewing the minutes from the October 25, 2022, meeting, President Hall called for a motion to approve. Pete Gitman moved; Rebecca Cox seconded. Minutes approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Marshall presented the treasurer’s report for the period 8/30/22 – 11/28/22. We received \$14.48 in revenues from the Amazon Smile program.

Our current balances are as follows:

101 General Fund	\$718.74
201 Playground publicity	158.00
301 Pavilion and Landscaping	5,646.66
401 Park General	<u>1,000.00</u>
Current Available Balance (Checking)	\$7,523.40

We anticipate the following revenues:

101 Amazon Smile (2023)	\$25.00
101 Amazon Giving Asst (2023)	20.00
101 Kroger Community Rewards (2023)	20.00
301 ARP Neighborhood funds	<u>43,437.08</u>
Total anticipated revenues	\$43,502.08

We anticipate the following expenses:

203 Landscaping (Zeigler grant)	\$5,646.66
301 ARP Project (2022)	30,000.00
301 ARP Project (2023)	<u>12,000.00</u>
Total anticipated expenses	\$47,646.66

Marshall reported we have recently added HVNA as a recipient to the Kroger/Payless Community rewards program. We will provide the information to neighbors on our social media (Facebook, NextDoor) and on our website.

President Hall called for a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Rebecca Cox moved; J.P. Hall seconded. Treasurer’s report approved.

**Halteman Park**

Hall reported that the landscaping by Flatland Resources has been installed. We still need to plant grass, which is due to happen yet this fall. Hall reported he met with the mayor who stated funds will be allocated to cover the cost of planning services of Flatland Resources for development of

Phase 2 of the park project. Hall hopes to be able to present preliminary drawings during our January 2023 meeting.

We have security issues happening at the restroom facility. A window has now been broken. Hall spoke with George Foley on security solutions to protect the financial investments made by both the city and HVNA. This will likely involve cameras in various locations. The building will remain locked until appropriate solutions are in place.

Hall mentioned a mural on the exterior of the building, which was suggested through one of our many discussions about park improvements. We should explore further with locals, or perhaps the Ball State art students.

Funding for Phase 2 of the Halteman Park renovation project will involve several sources:

- Muncie Redevelopment Commission, earmarked for pickleball courts (\$75,000)
- local foundation grants (up to \$25,000 from Zeigler Foundation)
- IHCD matching grant crowdfunding campaign (\$30,000 potential with up to \$30,000 additional in matching funds from IHCD)
- ARP funding (\$43,000 approximately)

Ideas discussed in the past for Phase 2. These projects will be pushed out to winter of 2023 for completion. Ideas mentioned (approximate costs) are as follows:

- Additional swing bays (\$5,000 ea)
- Benches (\$1,000 ea.)
- Toddler play area (\$25,000)
- Additional shelter/pavilion (\$35,000)
- Bike racks (\$850 ea.)
- Restroom renovations (\$10,000)
- Electricity to pavilion (?)
- Seating structure at pickleball courts (\$25,000)

President Hall will submit applications for the IHCD crowdfunding campaign, as well as the neighborhood ARP funding. Additionally, we need to make plans to apply for another Zeigler Foundation grant, for up to \$25,000. This would be used for beautification efforts.

### **Traffic/Speed Limits/Signage**

No new updates on the progress of changes approved by City Council and Board of Works. We will make inquiries regarding the status.

### **Christmas Decorating Promotion**

As with Halloween, we will be promoting a Christmas Decorating Contest. Neighbors can nominate their own homes—or a neighbor's—through an online form. We'll promote through social media. Winners will be announced before Christmas. We hope to make this an annual event.

**Other Business**

To increase neighbor engagement, we would like to hold an annual neighborhood gathering at the park once the renovations are near completion. Ideas include:

- Block party
- Fun Run
- Movies at Dusk
- Library Storytimes
- Martial Arts or Dance Classes

We will need volunteers willing to help plan and organize events. An outreach and engagement committee would be useful toward these efforts.

Our next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at Halteman Baptist Church.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

- *Respectfully submitted, Lisa Goodpaster (secretary)*