

# Halteman Village Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Meeting Minutes | Board Meeting | April 27, 2021

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**Present:** J.P. Hall (president), Brad Polk (vice president), Brad Marshall (treasurer), Lisa Goodpaster (secretary), Donna Catron (Kennedy Branch, Muncie Public Library), Anne Eliades, Peter Gitman, Troy Ingram (City Council), Jim Ong.

President Hall opened the online meeting at 7 p.m.

The minutes from our last meeting were tabled until our next meeting.

Brad Marshall announced that the Patronicity campaign funds have been deposited into our account. Additionally, we received a \$25,000 check from the Zeigler Foundation grant we applied for, which will be used for a pavilion and landscaping. Our current account balance is \$55,592, \$30,000 of which is committed to the final payment for the playground equipment, which will leave us with approximately \$25,000. Once the Zeigler check is deposited, we will have approximately \$50,000. Not accounting for any service fees or credit card fees, our grand total of all fundraising efforts was nearly \$112,000.

We will need to make some decisions soon regarding a pavilion and landscaping. Future discussions will be held to make decisions on the type and placement of the pavilion.

Demolition of the pool house has begun once again. Once complete, this will help us better determine where the playground and splash pad will be located. CRG anticipates the playground being completed no later than the second week of June. Brad Marshall will continue ongoing discussions with the city in an effort to stay on target. Some concerns were raised by the city regarding a property survey which had recently been completed. It was discovered that a few had some personal storage sheds located on park property or in the easements, which will need to be moved. The city will address these issues with the homeowners.

Discussion continued regarding the tennis courts. The initial plan was to remove the tennis courts and replace with a multi-use court. After further investigation, it was decided to retain both courts and resurface them as a cost-saving move. To accommodate the walking trail, the tennis courts will instead become pickleball courts. This seems to be a sport which is growing in popularity. Other suggestions were cornhole and bocce ball.

We will begin working on getting thank-you letters out to the remaining donors to our Patronicity campaign. We had around 132 donors in total.

President Hall discussed the need to get price quotes for some outdoor banners which we will be needed for the ribbon cutting/park reopening. We should make certain all improvements scheduled for this year are complete before we schedule an event of this type. We will use the \$500 grant received from the Building Better Neighborhoods grant for this type of expense.

Discussion focused on website updates on the overall park project fundraising efforts. We need to include the \$10,000 donation from Mike and Lisa King, as well as the \$25,000 Zeigler Foundation grant.

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We need to make sure we do some press releases. There was a good article which appeared in the Ball State Daily News recently. We will make sure this is posted on the website as well.

President Hall announced that the mayor has dedicated approximately 20-26 trees out of his "1000 trees in 1000 days" effort which will be planted in Halteman Park. Once the site is ready, they will stake out the trail, playground, splash pad and pavilion. From there, they will decide where to plant the trees, focusing on better defining the park's borders, especially on the east and west sides, hopefully preserving the empty green space in the middle. Everyone thanked Brad Marshall for his work as president of the parks board, and working on behalf of Halteman.

President Hall reported on the Land and Traffic Committee's public forum on April 20. We will need to decide collectively what recommendations to make and submit directly to Councilman Robinson on behalf of the entire neighborhood association. It will take two months to pass an ordinance. Once it is passed, then changes will begin.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned. In lieu of our next meeting, we will meet on Thursday, May 27, 2021.

- *Respectfully submitted by Lisa Goodpaster, secretary*