

***Town of Roann
Public Hearing Meeting Minutes***

March 10, 2025

I. Call to order

Jerry Nelson opened the Public Hearing on the Town Park for the Town of Roann at 7:30 p.m. on the 10th day of March, 2025 in the Roann Town Hall.

II. Public Hearing

Mike Kleinpeter with Kleinpeter Consulting Group is assisting the Town of Roann with the OCRA (Office of Community & Rural Affairs), and is a certified grant administrator to write a Community Development Block Grant known as a (CDBG). Mike Kleinpeter reported the Public notice was posted on February 12, 2025, with the 1st Public Hearing March 10, 2025 to discuss the town's application through Stellar designation. Mike Kleinpeter advised this application is specifically for a park improvement grant in the amount of \$377,700.00 and will be contributing \$477,944.00 in donations. Mr. Kleinpeter shared this is a Federal grant that goes through the State and through us and currently working on paperwork required. Mr. Kleinpeter stated one of which is Section 106 Environmental Review and Bob Ferguson has done some prerequisite work and about 8 other agencies to go through for approval for the project while the process takes about 60-75 days. Mr. Kleinpeter advised the 2nd Public Hearing will be March 24, 2025 with a minimum of two Public Hearings.

Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. shared we are looking at the scope of the project, one in donations received and some of the bids we currently have now, do not meet all the requirements for the CDBG. Mr. Ferguson explained our Project Manager is Martin Duffy, and with the money we have right now, we can only do ground prep, concrete work, pavilions and restrooms, and with the CDBG we can do and addition asphalt and fence with lights as contingent. Mr. Ferguson shared the plan is to get into the park late summer or early fall and to

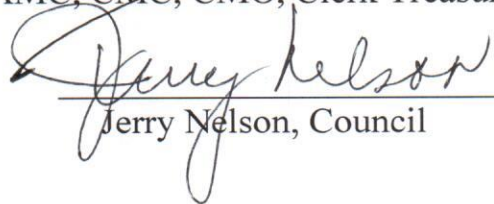
get a Patronicity Grant for the playground equipment, but cannot be started until the CDBG is done. Alex Downard (One85/Community Foundation Wabash County CEO) advised the Stellar Designation is noncompetitive and is set aside strictly for the Roann Park.

Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. opened the Public Hearing to questions or comments. Neil Bever questioned, "is the ground preparation, concrete, pavilions, restrooms and asphalt, all from the grant or from total funds? Robert "M" Ferguson Jr. stated "yes". Mr. Bever questioned, "no playground equipment or no money set aside? Neil Bever said, "I don't like that very much. Mr. Ferguson answered, "We are getting money daily for the playground equipment and will be doing a Patronicity Grant with a 50/50 match and will be doing the same for picnic tables and benches plus this way we can do a community build for the playground. There was no additional questions from the public.

Jerry Nelson closed the Public Hearing Meeting at **7:46 p.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by: _____
Robert "M" Ferguson Jr., IAMC, CMC, CMO, Clerk Treasurer

Minutes approved by:


Jerry Nelson, Council

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