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## State of The Town

In February, the 2015 Annual Report for the Town of Brownsburg was published along with a State of the Town presentation which Grant has given at several meeting most notably at the Chamber of Commerce February meeting. Even though both documents highlight 2015 accomplishments there is definitely a different spin on those accomplishments based on what the perceived readership of the documents. I will be using both presentations to highlight town achievements in 2015 and goals and priorities for 2016.

Grant's State of Town presentation opens with two YouTube videos about the town. First is "Doing Business in Brownsburg, IN" which is 3:36 minutes long and can be found at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFVBCsIUa4and](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFVBCsIUa4and) and "Living in Brownsburg, IN" which is 1:51 minutes long and can be found at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=iG9PgXehkXg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iG9PgXehkXg). It is probably worth 5 minutes of your life to see how the town is marketing Brownsburg to the rest of the world.

His first part of his presentation is a summary of the National Citizen Survey that was conducted in mid-2015. The survey was sent to 1400 random homes within the town limits and they received 423 responses to the survey for a response rate of 31% which is much the same response rate as the 2011 and 2013 surveys and is on par with the national average. The survey was broken into 4 big buckets: 1) Overall Quality of Life, 2) Community characteristics-place to live, 3) Governance-overall quality of town services and 4) Participation-sense of community. For each of these categories were ranked by the respondents from excellent to poor with the following percentages for the good to excellent bracket.

- Overall Quality of Life = 85% good to excellent
- Place to Live = 90% good to excellent
- Quality of Town Services = 76% good to excellent
- Sense of Community = 65% good to excellent

The general themes from the survey are as follows:

- 1) Most important areas of focus safety, mobility and economy
- 2) Residents enjoy a high quality of life
- 3) Most residents recommend Brownsburg as a place to live to others
- 4) Most residents feel safe
- 5) Mobility including non-motorized forms is important
- 6) Town lacks in sufficient recreational opportunities.

The full survey report can be found at <https://t.co/1t19omfR5P>.

Between the annual report and the "State of the Town" slides, I am highlighting some of the town's accomplishments in 2015. The first accomplishment listed was in the category of financials. The 2015 budget was 44.5 million, it was an increase of 8.5% over 2014 but they were able to lower the tax rate by 1.15 percent because of property value assessments being higher than expected. The town finished the year 3% below budget these monies will be moved forward to the 2016 funds to be used for capital improvement projects. Because of the town's financial management, the town has been given an AA+ bond rating which lowered the interest rate on the 2015 general obligation bonds to 2.088% saving the town \$17,000 in interest over the life of the bonds.

Several infrastructure projects were started or completed in 2015.

These included the East and West Northfield drive improvement project making the road 4 lanes with a center turn lane and adding a 4 mile walking and biking path connecting 136 on both sides of the town. Phase II of the south side drainage project is moving along and the Airport Rd lift station is nearly complete. The Water Main Loop is underway which will bring better water flow and quality to the North East side of Brownsburg. Last but probably the most anticipated by the community is the extension of Ronald Reagan Parkway from 300N to I-74 and the widening of the road to four lanes from Avon to I-74. The construction began in mid to late 2015 and is slated for completion by the end of 2016.

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### Growth is the future of Brownsburg

On the economic development front, the town saw 85 building or remodeling permits in 2015 for a total investment of approximately 13 million dollars. Between these investments and the town working with companies for tax abatements and incentives, over 570 new jobs were or will be created in Brownsburg. For existing businesses, Brownsburg awarded 10 facade grants amounting in about \$100,000 bringing the facade improvement grants to 27 since the grant was established.

In 2015, Phase I and II of the Gateway project was completed which included landscaping and decorative lights on the North side of Brownsburg at the I-74 interchange. This part will be connected to the future White Lick Creek Green way which will connect Williams park on the south side to Arbuckle Park to eventually to north of the I-74 interchange.

The community received some very high rankings in 2015. ValuePeguin consumer website ranked Brownsburg as one of the top ten safest places to live in Indiana. Brownsburg also made the Safewise Report's list being 19th on the list for safest Indiana cities. The HomeSnacks infotainment site named Brownsburg the fifth best place to live in Indiana. Lastly, Niche Local ranked Brownsburg fifth among Indiana suburbs to raise a family.

As you can see, public safety is a big plus for Brownsburg. In 2015, the Brownsburg Fire Territory responded to 3591 emergency calls compared to 3522 calls in 2014 of which ... continued to page 3

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## February Town Council Highlights - *The Editor*

The first Town Council meeting of February was held on February 11th. The meeting was brought to order by Mr. Dawes since Mrs. Bacsu was not in attendance along with the Town Attorney. The rest of the council had to struggle along without the attorney's wisdom to guide them.

With no citizen's comment on the agenda, they moved quickly through the consent items. At this point, Mr. Dawes changed the agenda to accommodate an awards presentation. Lisa Nye from the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association was in attendance to present two awards to the Brownsburg Park Association. The first Award is called the Innovative Program Award. IT was given to Brownsburg Park Association for the BASE program. The second award was the Excellence in Resource Improvement award. It was given because of the excellent business planning that has taken place since the recreation center was closed which is moving the Brownsburg Parks Association from good to great.



Lisa Nye from the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association presented two awards to the Brownsburg Park Association:

### Innovative Program Award Excellence in Resource Improvement Award

Next on the agenda was previously considered. In this category, there was one item which was the second reading for the voluntary annexation of 7230 N CR 650E. It was an advertised public hearing with no comments from the community the voluntary annexation was passed unanimously on 2nd reading.

Under new for consideration were several resolutions. The first was 2016-01 which was a request for amendment of the zoning map from L1 to C2 on the Southeast corner of 56th and Northfield for the New Bill Estes Chrysler dealership and repair shop. There seemed to be many questions about staff recommendations that the group from Bill Estes wanted to talk about at Town Council. After letting them speak, the amendment passed 1st reading unanimously.

Resolution 2016-02 to repeal 1996-51 Snow Emergency Conditions and Routes was requested to be tabled until staff could take a better look to make sure everything was covered. That moved them to 2016-03 a resolution repealing 1988-31 which was the Annexed Property Utility Service Fee of \$1000.00. It was noted that when a property is annexed and hook up sewer and or water, the property owner has to pay a Sewer Availability Connection Fee and/or a Water Availability Connection Fee. Those two fees by themselves or together bring in more money than the Annexed Property Utility Service Fee. This was the 1st reading and was passed unanimously.

Next up was the Fiscal plan for the voluntary annexation and an amendment to the annexation agreement for Lucas Oil Raceway which both passed unanimously.

Next was 2016-04 a resolution authorizing the Town to issue Taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds for the HRH project. With this agreement, HRH would be the buyers of the bonds. This passed unanimously on 1st reading.

The last resolution of the evening was 2016-07 a request from the EDC to approve Utility Connection Fee assistance for Avant Gard The School in the old De Ja Vu building. This request was passed.

During the Park Board Report, Phil Parnin announced two important dates. First registration for the Summer Camp Program started on Feb.

16th and secondly the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 19th, 11am at Arbuckle Acres.

Next up was Town Council items, was a statement from Mr. Dawes concerning the Indianapolis Business Journal article. His comment follows: "Reported in the Indianapolis Business Journal of Feb. 11th, the last business journal was an article about a mixed use project in Brownsburg that implied kind of that this had been all approved and moving ahead and so forth. It's certainly hopeful that it will but the Town Council hasn't approved anything at this point and will need to do that as we move forward but the article I think was a good article but it jumped the gun a little on how it was reported." Mr. Dawes also mentioned that at the Police Commission on Feb 9th, 2016, Chief Dove presented a retirement plan that has him retiring on Feb. 10th, 2017. Chief Dove gave a year so that Brownsburg had time to find a replacement and have a smooth transition. -Editor's note: see police commission article page 5.

During citizen's comments, Jim Sering approached the lectern. He praised the Park Board and everything Phil Parnin has accomplished but reminded everyone that the Park Board still needed to buy more land to release impact fees. He also stated he was behind a community center and aqua center.

The February 25th Town Council found all members of the council present after an invocation and the pledge of allegiance Mrs. Bacsu opened the floor for citizen's comments. Jim Sering came forward to comment on resolution 2016-08 which will update and amend certain procedures and processes for the Town Council. He was worried that the new procedures remove the citizen's comments at the end of the meeting and warned that it had been tried before to remove the comments all together and it did not go well. He hopes they have learned from the past.

After the comments and reports from the police and fire departments, the council moved on to previously considered items. First up was the third and final reading of 2015-36 voluntary annexation of 7230 N CR 650E. The resolution passed unanimously. Second on the agenda was 2016-01, the zoning map changes for Bill Estes Chrysler. This was a 2nd, 3rd and final reading which was approved unanimously.

Next was 2016-03, the repealing of the Annexed Property Utility Service Fee was also for 2nd, 3rd and final reading. Again, the resolution was approved unanimously. Last on previously considered was 2016-04, the authorizing the issuance of Taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds for the HRH project. It was approved for 2nd, 3rd and final reading.

The agenda moved to new to consider items. First was a professional Service Agreement with A & F Engineering for Design services for various road improvements downtown. After a presentation by the new town engineer, there were questions so it was tabled to the first March meeting. Along with this agreement, the Town announced a Public Hearing for March 15th at 6:00pm in the old St. Malachy's church to discuss the proposed improvements for this first round of construction.

Next was 2016-04C and 2016-05C which were the resolutions confirming the qualifications for Antech Diagnostics to receive personal and property tax abatements. These both were advertised public hearing but the only comment was asking for clarification to the purpose of Antech Diagnostics. The public hearings were closed the resolutions were passed unanimously.

Last on the agenda for new to consider was 2016-08 which was a resolution updating and amending certain procedures and processes for the town council. In an answer to Jim Sering's comments, it was noted that both types of citizen's comments were combined and moved to the beginning of the meeting. The resolution passed on first reading.

Next was Town Manager comments, Grant Kleinhantz had two items. First the 2015 Town Employee of the Year is John Burke. He will be presented the award at the March 3rd Rotary meeting 11:30am at Dawson's Too. The second item was to ... continued to page 6



## Feb. BCSC Highlights - by Anne Sering

The February 8, 2016 meeting of the Board of Trustees for Brownsburg Community School Corporation (BCSC) got off to a slow start. There was a lot of coming and going by Board members in and out of the area adjacent to the dais. I did notice that there was a name plate for Jessica Heffernan. The delay was stated to be the expected arrival of Board member Phil Utterback. After about 10 minutes of scurrying, the announcement was made that the first order of business would be the swearing in of Jessica Heffernan as Trustee and Judge Robert Freese was called forward to do the honor. Though not stated the change in agenda was the need for a quorum of three to conduct business since both Mr. Utterback and Mr. Sutton were not present. A February 8, 2016 press release stated Mrs. Heffernan was selected at the end of the interview process according to Indiana law [Pictured right]. The appointment of the Trustee having taken place, the Superintendent's Report, minutes and claims listed were approved. The Superintendent's Report contained the termination of Bret Neylon as Boys Varsity Cross Country Coach and resignation of John Kruggel Assistant Freshman Football Coach. Both were effective at the end of the 2015 season. The resignation of Joe Vrabec effective the end of the 2015-16 school year was also approved. Actually if you read the Superintendent's Report carefully you notice other interesting things. When Bret Comer resigned as Varsity Football Coach on December 7, 2015, his position was changed from BHS Social Studies Teacher to BHS Data and Assessment Coordinator filling an open position. When Jon Hart was hired as Varsity Football Coach on January 4, 2016, I expected to see him hired as a Social Studies Teacher but he was hired as a PE Teacher in a new position. It is unfortunate that sport success or lack thereof is of importance in the hiring of teaching staff.



Back to the matter at hand, commendations were presented to five outstanding Area 31 students. These students are enrolled in what used to be trade school curriculums. Adrienne Smith was studying Auto Service, Caitlyn Simon for Early Childhood Education, Austin Cope for Machine Tool Technology, James Barnett for Heating and Air, and Jackalyn Woodruff for Landscape Management. Also commended but not able to attend were Curtis Bouchie for Aviation, Tiffany Moses for American Sign Language, Andrew Ward for Culinary Arts and Danielle Hill for Dental Assisting. Four teachers received commendations for going through the rigors of becoming Board Certified Teachers: Meagan Mayo, Tosha Herr, Becky Butler and Kim Williams.

There were two presentations. Sarah Mills and Julia Murphy, students at West Middle School, did a skit on Character Education. Brownsburg not only provides academic training but also character building training. Mrs. Melissa Smith prepared a presentation on BCSC Health Services. Some highlights were: 44,305 students were seen by school nurses in the first semester, each school has one registered nurse with the high school and Brown having two, and children are seen

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70% were medical and 30% were fire-related or false alarms. The Brownsburg Fire Territory also took a lead in community education from basic EMT training to safe sitter program and many others.

The Brownsburg Police Department took 28,000 calls in 2015 with 42 officers and 11 reservists. Even with the increase in calls, Brownsburg ranks 7th in the state for safest towns over 20,000 people and the only town on the list from Hendricks County. This year the police department started utilizing two new vehicles. The new Mobile Command Center which was used for the NHRA Nationals and other events in 2015 and the Armored Personnel Carrier assigned to the Emergency Response Team.

Lastly, in 2015 the town highlighted community involvement. The first Resident Academy was held with 33 citizens participating in the class. Also, in 2015 the community involvement in public meeting either in person or viewing from the web was consistent. Taking to social media, the Town's Facebook and twitter accounts have gained more than 1000 followers since 2014. The town hosted several events this year from the Rev Rally and the Big Go Event to Christmas Under the Stars to blood drives, food drives and clothing drives.

During the State of the Town presentation, Grant emphasized the 2016 goals and priorities. First on the Town's list is the Downtown Mixed Use Development and the roads to support the development. The development consists of retail, offices and high end apartments along with a recreation center. This is to fulfill some of the responses to the town survey. The Request for Proposal has been sent out for a possible commercial partner for the recreation center and responses are due to the town on March 4th.

The next priority is the Gateway Project Phase III. This part of the project consists of a trail crossing from the west side of Green Street under I-74 and extending into the neighborhoods behind Citgo and Crew Carwash. This project will bid this spring and should be completed by the end of summer. Another trail project to start this year is the Bicentennial Trail which will link the B&O Trail in Brownsburg to trails that exist in Avon. Construction should start in April.

After safety concerns were voiced by the residents of Roland Manor, a sidewalk on the north side of East Northfield is planned for this year linking the Chase Bank sidewalk down to Roland Manor. The Town is also looking into a crossing so the residents can get to places like K-Mart, Kroger and the Post Office. The Town understands the need but is looking for the best placement for safety. Along this line of thinking the town will invest over 2million dollars for street resurfacing in 2016.

An exciting priority for 2016 is the development of Cardinal Park. If you are not familiar with the Cardinal property, it is the property between Cardinal school and the church on Hornaday south of the school and north of 300N. The park will begin with a trail system, undesignated use areas and the extension of Thornburg Parkway.

Grant's closing comment as he closed his presentation at the Chamber of Commerce was that Brownsburg is on an upper trajectory, it is growing strong and anyone who wants the Brownsburg of 10 years ago it is not coming back. This growth is the future of Brownsburg.-- The Editor

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## Feb. 24th BCSC Community Engagement Summary - by Anne Sering

The second session of Community Engagement held by Brownsburg Community School Corporation met on February 24, 2016 at White Lick Elementary School. Attendance was less than the first session which might have been due to the feared snow storm. This venue offers much more space than is available at Brownsburg High School.

The objectives for the session were: (1) to identify the different instructional uses for classrooms and how enrollment growth impacts those uses, (2) to understand where school revenue comes from and how it can be spent, and (3) to provide a better understanding of the link between growth in enrollment, school capacity and class size. Three main topics were discussed: (1) Community Voice Matters, (2) Finance Presentation, and (3) Growth in Enrollment, School Capacity and Class Size. Assistant Superintendent Kat Jessup and Asst. Director of Finance Barry Gardner were the major presenters.

In 2006 the Long Range Task Force of 2005 made recommendations to the School Board because Brownsburg High School was nearing capacity limits, accommodate projected enrollment increases over the long term, and consider cost of new facilities that drive costs and tax rates. They concluded that a second high school was not financially viable, recommended expanding Harris and BHS, add a 12th grade small learning community (Senior Academy), renovate the Lincoln facility for corporation offices

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*Barry Gardner, Asst. Director of Finance*

and sell 225 School Street and consider adding an elementary school using the twin concept (Regan Elementary) and address middle school capacity by expanding East Middle School. These items took place.

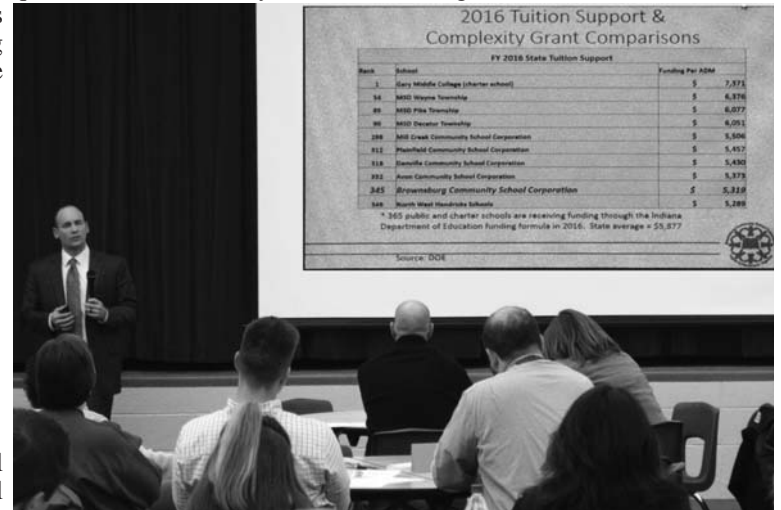
Projected classroom availability for 2016-2017 was raised after the January session. The number of available rooms was perceived as rooms not being used. Rooms available which could be turned into dedicated classrooms were listed with explanation of how they were presently being used. The balance the corporation works to obtain is between the academic needs of students and the needs of the community and tax payers. This led into the financial discussion.

Mr. Gardner presented information on funds and revenue. This began with an explanation of how BCSC must ask the state using BCSC proposed budget for the authority to spend the revenue in each fund. However, the ability to spend is based on the actual revenue that BCSC eventually receives. The difference between the two is that BCSC asks for a higher authority in case of unexpected growth or emergencies. If they asked for authority to spend based on what was projected to be spent and an emergency occurred BCSC could not by law spend any more than what was approved by the state. He then explained that the General Fund is monies received from the state and is used for salaries, benefits and some educational supplies. Property taxes are collected to pay for debt service, capital projects, pension (teacher retirement), transportation (bus operations), and bus replacement. The third fund is the rainy day fund which is filled by tax monies not used. The rainy day funds can be used wherever needed. The amount BCSC receives from the state is from a basic grant and ADM funds. The determination of the Average Daily Membership of the school and then tweaked on various factors such as the number of special education students and the economic situation of the community. The bottom line is that BCSC ranks in the bottom 5% of funding but scores in the top 1-2% in achievement.

Mrs. Jessup presented information on elementary class size and how by lowering the number of students in a class room beginning in 2012 the achievement of our students improved measurably. She then explained how it is determined how many classrooms will be

needed by grade level in a school. This in turn determines if additional teachers are needed. This is being determined while the enrollment is increasing at an unpredictable number per grade level or building. (At the recently held Board workshop a first year teacher of 3rd graders explained how in the final two days before school started her class size went from 23 to 26 with an additional student enrolling in the second semester, making a class size of 27. The desired class size for 3rd grade is between 23 - 26 students. When quizzed by the Board all the teachers present said that this did have an effect on the individual attention able to be given to each student.)

Dr. Snapp summarized the presentations, thanked his staff for their outstanding help and took a few additional questions from patrons. The meeting ended promptly at 8:00 p.m. with those with additional questions invited to stay. The next meeting will be on March 15, 2016.



Barry Gardner, Assistant Director of Finance, discussing 2016 Tuition Support & Complexity Grant Comparisons. Brownsburg Community School Corporation ranks 345 of 365 public and charter schools who receive funding through Indiana Dept. of Education formula in 2016.

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for everything from medication dispensing, illness assessment, food allergies to chronic care (diabetes, tube feedings...).

In his operation update, Mr. Voigt stated that the nurses work with food services to come up with alternate food for those with allergies. The bids for the work at Brown Elementary came in under budget and work should begin during spring break. West Middle school will be the next major construction project. The Brownsburg Educational Foundation is promoting the Buy a Brick project and Chip in for Kids. Mrs. Jessup presented the first reading of the school handbooks for the next school term.

Following Communication Items the Board listens to comments from patrons. Bret Neylon spoke to the Board to clarify four items which were given as reasons for his termination as Varsity Track Coach and summed up his tenure as a coach for 22 years, ten of which he served after the accident that put him in a wheel chair. It is quite evident that Mr. Neylon is well regarded by the number of patrons who attended this meeting and the December Board meeting. I sympathize with Mr. Neylon because I have seen it too often where one set of circumstances results in people being hurt in the process of other desired changes. It is my personal opinion that a change was wanted to be made, Mr. Neylon didn't want to resign (I suspect he was given the choice), so the only option was for the scale to be tipped by enumerating errors. You can't fight town hall when the only weights allowed on the scale are negatives. It is quite apparent that he and his wife had dedicated themselves to the track program. This must feel like losing a child (which they never had). The expression that keeps coming to mind is S#%\* happens! Mr. Neylon does continue in his position of Social Studies teacher.

Resigned Trustee, Mike Runyon, spoke words of encouragement to Ms. Heffernan who will be serving out the remaining two years of his term. Having served six years, he had words of advice: "Don't read anything on the internet", "Do what is best of the kids and community as a whole", "Listen", "Steer and guide". The job, he suggested, was to find solutions. I wish Mike well in his new endeavor. The Brownsburg community is suffering a loss.

Under old business, Phil Utterback was appointed as a representative to the Town of Brownsburg Redevelopment Commission. This is the commission on which the BCSC representative has no vote and which was accused of not providing to the BCSC representative information the other members are given. Hopefully, Phil will be included in the information loop and not felt to be just a body occupying a chair. If not, he might as well sit with the spectators. Jessica Heffernan will take over as the Board Representative to the Brownsburg Educational Foundation freeing up Mr. Brower.

Mr. Gardner presented a recommendation for summer projects which total less than one million dollars (no citizen action can be taken). A public hearing (with no one commenting) was held and the Board then approved the calling early of bonds which purportedly will save \$3 million.

New Business consisted of a series of five recommendations for approval from the Board. Mr. Voigt recommended approval of a construction contract for \$1,700,000. Mrs. Jessup recommended approval of new Chinese text books and also, summer school dates commencing on June 6, 2016. Dr. Wyndham presented preschool fees (\$3 a week or \$5 for full time). Lastly, Dr. Snapp presented Public Law 221 School Improvement plans for current year. This is something required of each school system wherein it must show it meets minimum state expectations. (Bureaucracy.)

The meeting was concluded with no comments from Dr. Snapp. The Trustees made brief comments: Ms. Heffernan on the education of kids without allergies learning about those who do; Mr. Brower about the mean things posted on social meeting about one particular board member who has served 20 years. Although Kim Armstrong will never read this, I believe the positive of this is that it proves she acts. If she weren't accomplishing things there would be no criticism.

## Feb. 9th Police Commission

The February Police Commission was held Feb 9th with Alan Bolante residing with everyone else present except Mr. Dawes. Mr. Bolante opened the meeting with the first order of business being to approve the agenda.

They then went on to old business. First was a recruitment update from Chief Dove. They are on target to hire 3 new officers in the third quarter. Applications are moving well so they may have another large pool to select the next officers. Secondly was a Reserve Candidate update. Three conditional offers have been delivered the candidates are in the middle of the vetting process.

Next was new business from the Police Chief. First was a donation presentation from the Rev. Ryan Morrison who presented the police department K9 replacement fund with a gift of \$3500.00. In return, Chief Dove presented Rev. Ryan Morrison with a certificate of appreciation (pictured left).

The Chief then presented the commission with the 2015 Annual Report and the 2015 Year End STATS. Chief Dove highlighted that the department took 28,000 calls in 2015 a 42% increase from 2014 and justification for the 3 new hires that will be added late this year. He stated that as Brownsburg grows the trend is steady growth in calls. The emphasis is trying to keep violent crimes and drug calls lower as the numbers increase. His last point was the presentation of a Letter of Resignation from Officer Paschal to be effective April 2016.

New Business from the Commission started with the presentation of 2 sworn conditional letters one to Mark Christian and the other to Ricky Farrar. These are not guarantees of employment but it starts the vetting process to become an officer. Next Mr. Bolante read a letter received from Chief Dove to the Police Commission. It reads as follows:

"Commissioners:

I am taking this time to inform you of my intent to retire from the Brownsburg Police Department effective February 10th, 2017. I am providing the commission with this advance notice for several reasons. One of which is that it is my hope that there will be a smooth and seamless transition from my departure to the new chief taking office. Secondly, this will provide the police commission ample time in determining the selection process and naming of the new chief. As the Town of Brownsburg grows, Brownsburg Police Department will be facing several challenges in the near future. If requested, I would be willing to provide my services and experience in any way to help the police department and commission while facing these challenges. With the above being said, I will respectfully and humbly fulfill my duties as your chief until my retirement in 2017.

Respectfully,  
Chief Michael E Dove  
Brownsburg Police Department"

After accepting the nominations, the meeting moved to the reports which were in their packets and miscellaneous items. First was donations that were received from Covenant Christian High School and a donation from Mrs. Bailey for the summer youth camp. A letter of appreciation was received from Brownsburg Baptist Preschool and lastly a Thank You card and note from the mother of Noah Tex on how the police department reacted to and responded to the deaths of the four teens on December 30th, 2015. --The Editor

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announce that RFP responses were due by the end of February for the Community Center and Capital funding partner. There is interest from 3 entities Hendricks Regional, IU and St. Vincent's. From the questions received, Grant was expecting some very well written proposals.

During citizen's comments, Dr. Jim Snapp walked up to the lectern. He wanted to let the council know that Brownsburg Community School Corporation had conducted their 2nd Community Engagement session. They are categorizing the questions and one of the top five categories is the town and school relationship. He will be sending the questions to the town so they can help answer the questions. The next meeting will be held on March 15th.

Last up was Kurt Disser with his report on annexation proceedings. He announced a new Judge had been appointed Judge Heather Welch so there will be another conference coming up soon. She is one of six judges statewide that have been hand-picked by the Indiana Supreme Court for a pilot program for courts that will specialize in handling complex disputes. The new judge means there will be another conference next month where the judge will need to rule on several issues. One of which is why has the town refused to give the remonstrators discovery documents. Another point from Kurt was a question about conflict of interest for attorney Trisha Leminger who is the counsel for the Fire Territory and the Town. These are two separate taxing agencies which means that what is good for one is probably bad for the other. With the town, paying 8 times more to the law firm which entity will get preferential treatment? With that the meeting was adjourned.



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## February Park Board Report - by Anne Sering



The Brownsburg Park Board met on February 18, 2016 at 6:30. All members were present. Park Director Phillip Parnin, Asst. Director Travis Tranbarger, and Grounds Supt. Andy

Wilson were also present. I hadn't seen Andy in awhile so it was good to speak to him.

The first item of interest was a discussion of the improvements to the exterior of Bundy Lodge in Arbuckle Park. Parnin had samples of the stone façade and aluminum siding which will be installed. The Lions Club has volunteered to take care of the plants which will surround the front and sides of the building. A outdoor security system will be installed. Current reservations and the July 4th festivities will determine when this project is undertaken. Future improvements will include a weather friendly entry way, interior renovation, and exterior furniture for the back patio area. Board member Phil Utterback asked about the possibility of having a Boy Scout Project aid in the landscaping. Parnin stated it was a possibility however the time table would make it difficult for a project to be designed and implemented in a timely manner especially the immediate area around the building.

Tranbarger stated the youth Easter Egg hunt would be held on March 19, 2016 with the hunt beginning at 11:00 and pictures with the Easter Bunny starting at 9:30 that morning. Summer adventure camps will start on June 2. The department is looking to hire a full time Recreation Coordinator. Approximately 20 applications have been received with 10 of the applicants chosen for interviews after the February 29 deadline for applying. The new playground installation has begun in Williams Park.

Parnin thanked the Board members for attending the recent Town Council Meeting at which the Park & Recreation Board was recognized for two achievements. He also stated that development of the Cardinal Property would be soon up for bid. Presently the County Drainage Board is studying the area. Approximately 14 thousand cubic feet of fill dirt is needed. This will be ready for bid in 2 months. Two completion dates will be bid as a cost saving measure. The Department is still waiting for the 3 beams needed to complete the shelter near the interstate. Whenever the manufacturer gets them to the vendor they will be replaced. The 'Request for Proposals' concerning sponsorship of the proposed community building are due by March 4, 2016. Multiple questions have been received from respondents. A committee for review of the bids will have Park Board & Town Council Members.

The third person to talk was past Board Member Jim Sering who remarked on Plainfield's scheduling Father/Daughter Valentine Dances. Plainfield held events on three successive nights. Multiple nights for the Brownsburg event had been discussed at the January meeting. Sering's history lesson for the night consisted of comments about the Bundy Lodge being named after a Mr. Garner whose nickname was 'Bundy'. No one present could remember Mr. Garner's first name. It was determined he was a charter member of the Lions Club in Brownsburg. [I looked up all references to 'Garner' in "The Village of Brownsburg" written by Peg Kennedy and Frankie Konovsek, published in 1998. I had success on page 278. According to the book, the Lodge was built in 1952 and when an addition doubled the size it was named in honor of Russell M. Garner. I wonder if this is not the Martin pictured with Jane Garner and Helen Roach, children riding in a horse and buggy in 1921-22 on page 286? When Mr. Sering read the first draft of this article, he disputed the published account claiming the building wasn't built until the 70s. He then called his brother-in-law John Swisher of Swisher Plumbing. John said he plumbed the building in 1973. John wasn't sure of Bundy's first name but then remembered seeing "R. M. Garner" on the side of his truck.] Perhaps another reader can share other recollections of Bundy's Lodge.

The last item of note was by Mr. Utterback the B'burg Older Adult Alliance scheduled introductory meetings on Feb. 25 and 29 at the Public Library. The Thursday meeting is being held at 1 p.m. and the Monday meeting at 7 p.m. All interested people are invited to attend.



# New Projects Underway In Brownsburg - *The Editor*

The projects pictured below are progressing through stages of review and approval, before the Town's various boards and commissions.

At the corner of East 56th Street and East Northfield drive, the Bill Estes is planning to build a Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram Dealership and Service Center. The approximately 10.45 acre parcel site plan is shown left. The estimated construction costs range between 6 to 7 million dollars. Its primary entrance is off Northfield drive. Truck, delivery, and similar traffic will be directed to use their secondary entrance off East 56th street.

## Bill Estes Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram Dealership



## St. Vincent Medical Care



In the office park off Pit Rd at 56th, St. Vincent will construct an approximately 42,000 sq ft. medical office building & 200+ parking places. It will be used for a combination of ambulatory surgery, urgent care, primary care diagnostic imaging and other outpatient health care.

## Brownsburg Street Naming Project

Feb 22 2016, Advisory Planning Meeting Highlight  
Development Services is tasked to identify roads which are within the corporate boundaries of the town, which retain their county road names, and change their names to municipal designations which may include place of historical significance or names of individuals who have contributed to the community over the years. This effort also aligns with a number of elements within the Town's comprehensive plan. Significant consideration was given to the sensitive nature of the topic, it was also viewed as an opportunity to reach out and collaborate with members of the community. As a result the following approach was suggested:

Formation of a group consisting of select members from the town council, a member from the Brownsburg Chamber of Commerce or a director from their board, a Brown township resident, a Lincoln Township resident, a town resident, members from the planning department, members from the school corporation, a Hendricks County Commissioner, Hendricks County Administrator, with the possibility of adding other people if as needed. The committee half jokingly suggested nominating Jim Sering (sitting in the audience) to serve on this committee.

Once formed the group would establish a time-line for the project which is estimated duration of six to eight months. The group's results would be submitted to the Advisory Planning Committee, who by state statute has the authority to name and rename streets and addresses. It was suggested to forward their recommendations to the town council to receive their approval and support. It was noted it is the responsibility of the Development services to notify- post office, voter registration, public safety, and so on.

Next, Jonathan Blake sought volunteers from the Advisory Planning Committee to participate in this effort, Jack Swalley and Charles Bishchoff stepped forward. Members of Development Services agreed to work with Jack and Charles to create the initial time-line and sketch out next steps. -- The Editor

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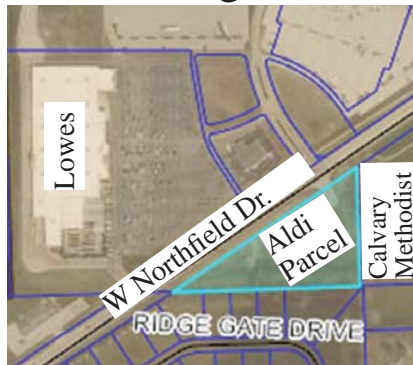
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## ALDI - Withdraws Zoning Variance Application



February 22, 2016 - Advisory Planning Commission  
WITHDRAWN CASE:PCMA-11-15-1356 ALDI REZONE TO C2:  
Todd Barker announced ALDI withdrew their zoning variance application, notified the Town they decided not to pursue the site pictured above at this time. When asked members of the town confirmed ALDI's is evaluating other Brownsburg area locations.

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