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2018 Highlights



October 11, 2018 Regular Meeting

Mr. Benham called the meeting to order and indicated that four members were present this evening with Mr. Dawes being absent. First on the agenda was Mr. Benham reading a proclamation that October 21st-27th would be Red Ribbon week in Brownsburg. He then opened the floor for citizen's comments relating to the agenda. The commander of the Hendricks County Young Marines came up to thank the council for the proclamation and to ask them to sign the pledge to be drug free.

Under reports from boards and commissions, Todd Barker gave a short summary of the advisory plan commission report and the advisory board of zoning appeals report. Mr. Worley asked for an update on a rule revision for requests for continuances at the APC and BZA. Mr. Barker commented that the wording of the ordinances was cyclical so it was revised to make continuances more efficient. Next Travis Tranbarger with the Park Board report announced the ribbon cutting for Cardinal Park phase 1 on October 16th. He then thanked the volunteers from Duke Energy who on October 4th as a service day did plantings at the outdoor classroom.

Town administrative items brought Mr. Barker back to the podium for the development services report. Permits were running about the same as last year. Approximately 931 single family housing starts have been approved over this year. Over the last 14 years our average has been around 175-200 housing permit approvals per year. Development services has been working with the schools about this increase in students over the next several years.

Previously consider items started with ordinance 2018-20 which was *cont. to pg. 5*

October School Board Meeting

The OCTOBER BCSC School Board Meeting opened with commendations of National Merit Scholarship Finalists recognized by Dr. Snapp. Following the commendations, updates on the current construction project of the auditorium at the high school. There were several photos shared and explained the concrete slab for the commons area will be poured the week of October 8th and the project is currently on track, financially.

Jessica Heffernan provided updates for the Brownsburg Education Foundation Report. The Ford Drive 4 UR School fund raiser held in September raised a total of \$21,500. The BCSC Payroll Deduction Campaign has been successful by adding 85 new donors and six previous donors increased their deductions. This allowed the ability to provided 2.5 additional scholarships for a total of 15.5 scholarships for the 2019 year.

Moving forward Mr. Gardner recommended the Board of School Trustees moving forward to approve the 2019 budget. The budget is currently at an approximate amount for \$106 million. This amount includes a \$3 million levy request for Transportation within the district. Mr. Gardner presented Budget Form 4-B with a breakdown of funding within the budget with was adopted by the Board on October 8th, 2018. Mr. Gardner also recommended the Board of School Trustees move to authorize the publication of the 2019 Bonds Hearings. The total amount of the of the bonds is approximately \$12 million. These bonds will be used for projects at West Middle School, a new roof on Brown Elementary and needed updates at the Harris Academy. Mr. Gardner received approval from The Board to advertise for the

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October Park Board Meeting The Park Board opened with new business presented by Director Travis Tranbarger. The first item was the Bundy Lodge Lease Amendment resolution for fee changes with the lodge. The Lion's Club has leased the facility located in Arbuckle Acres and taken care of all maintenance and upkeep since the early 1990s. At that time the lease was written for 20 years. The last amendment took place in 2015 and extended the lease to July 31st of 2020. The Board is not looking to change the time frame of the lease expiration date. Travis Tranbarger explained the amendment is to align the policies of the Bundy Lodge with other park facilities. This amendment should also align the fee structure to current budget plan. This amendment will increase fee rentals to 11% of the property for residents. The motion was approved to move to Town Council.

Mr. Blake moved onto new business item regarding the replacement of the Arbuckle Acres entry sign. Over the last year, there has been plans discussed of what would best represent the community for the new entry feature. Mr. Blake explained this sign was created to pay homage to the former brick columns at the front of the park. The Board also wanted to preserve the natural features of the park in the design. Due to this, the sign will utilize similar stones to those on Bundy Lodge as well as other various buildings within Arbuckle Acres. The sign will have a digital display to communicate park and community events which can be controlled from the Park Office. The goal is to eventually stream line the design into future properties. Mr. Blake presented three total images to The Board at that time. The cost of these options has not been finalized until The Board considers and decides on the final option for the new entry feature. There were questions on positioning, costs and town ordinances for the signs. Other concerns on costs of the sign were presented as the amount seemed to run high for some board members. The Board did choose the first option of signs for the Arbuckle entrance. With this decision, it is the goal The Board have bids in for the sign by the end of the year.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

2018 Opportunities and Challenges for Many

The Sentinel made a significant investment in a website upgrade, which allows us to publish items in a more timely manner including pictures, videos, links to other sites and the like. We continue to seek a balance between what is published on the web, social media outlets, and our physical print edition. One of our goals for 2019 is strike the delicate balance between these mediums.

One challenge we continue to overcome is the loss of many staff members, all due to personal reasons and changes in status reducing their free time and availability. This resulted in the limited number and inconsistent timings of editions published in 2018. Thankfully, others have heard the call and stepped forward to lend a hand. Given this business model, this will remain an ongoing challenge.

Despite our diminutive size, and items noted above, we were able to effectively provide the community information which is available nowhere else. Keeping you the public informed, and keeping public servants nervous (wondering what will be reported next) and honest, we've held true to this publication's mission statement. "Aggressive oversight and public examination to ensure open, effective, accountable government at every level, favoring collaboration and consolidation over growth in the size of government, and demanding transparent and responsible stewardship of tax dollars." Despite the length of this list, it does not represent all of our 2018 coverage.

Town of Brownsburg

- Questioning of multiple Legal Expenses
- Loss of Citizens Comments Documentation in Town Council Meeting Minutes by Anne Hathaway
- Failure to pass Ethics Standards and Social Media conduct ordinances
- Poor Treatment of Citizens during Public Comments and Public Hearings
- Town Manager Termination
- North Annexation stopped (again) now at the Appellate Court level
- Town requests North Annexation case hearing before Indiana Supreme Court
- Water and Sewer Connection Fee Increases
- Fire Protection Fee Increases
- Waste Water Treatment Plant Completion
- Pleasant View Estates and Area Residents stop over development in their area
- Approval of Pre-Design monies for "Community Center"
- Brownsburg Roundabouts
- Updates to a variety strategic and comprehensive plans

Town Center Updates

- Town Center Renderings
- Green Street Closings
- Building & Road Construction Updates
- Error and Omissions Road Construction Overages

Brownsburg Parks

- "Community Center" Coverage
- Strategic Master Plan Presentation
- Purchase of Wilber Tague Property
- July 4th Parade
- Park Board Seat Opening
- Park Foundation Creation
- Christmas Under The Stars

Brownsburg Community Schools

- Redistricting Plans
- Kim Armstrong Retirement
- School Board Candidate Bios.
- Zack Kelley wins Governors Health Award
- Transgender Issues
- Weather Related School Closings

Brownsburg Fire Territory

- 9-11 Memorial
- Community Safety Day
- Haunted Trick or Treat
- Santa visits Brownsburg
- BFT Executive Board Continued Inaction addressing Legal Council Conflict of Interest

Brownsburg Police

- Night Out Against Crime
- Haunted Trick or Treat
- BPD escorting Kristi Pickett to her First day of school
- Tips to avoid Crimes of Opportunity

Community & Business

- Library Modernization
- Opening of Brownsburg Hospital
- New Hendricks County Bank
- Best Friends Coffee Opening
- Culvers Opening
- Thai Basil Opening
- Remembrance of "Pete" Avgerinos Owner of Flapjacks
- Deputy Pickett Funeral
- Shari May and Eric Stewart Support

Township, County And Beyond

- Brown Township Coverage
- Hendricks County Voting Centers
- Hendricks County Election Results
- Weather and Road Condition Alerts
- Commuter Road & Travel Updates

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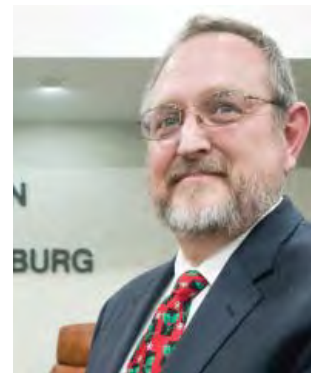
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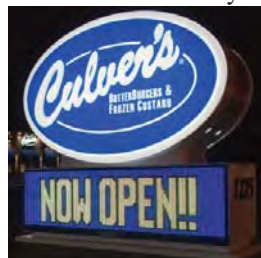
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July 4th Parade



Christmas under the Stars Parade



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the Town and Fire Territory budget for 2019 third and final reading. The budget was approved 4-0.

New for consideration was the first reading of ordinance 2018-22 for the salaries and salary ranges for 2019. Most of the changes are to long standing staff members who are at the top of their salary ranges so that merit increases can be accommodated. With no questions or comments, the ordinance was approved on first reading. Next was a memorandum of understanding between Hendricks County Board of Commissioners and the Town of Brownsburg to share the cost of a stream monitoring gauge on the north side of 100 on White Lick Creek. This agreement will automatically renew unless there are changes by the government entities that issue the monitoring equipment. The memorandum was approved 4-0.

For Town Manager items, Mr. Hartsell discussed the annual review of the 2016 revised sewer rates and charges. When the ordinance was approved in 2016, the ordinance included an annual review of the sewer rates and charges. The report reviews the ability of the sewer rates and charges to cover the expenses and obligations of the sewer department. It does look like that with the phase three sewer rate increase there might be an ability to reduce phase 4 and phase 5 increases.

With no citizen comments, the meeting was adjourned.

October 16, 2018 Special meeting

Mr. Benham opened the meeting and indicated that 3 members were present with Ms. Bascu and Mr. Jessen unable to attend the meeting. The special meeting was held to review the application packet for the Town Manager position opening. The application materials were put together by Mr. Benham, Mr. Dawes and legal. Mr. Benham moved to go forward with the application packet and process as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dawes and the packet was approved unanimously. Next Mr. Benham presented a motion to appoint the following individuals to a hiring review committee who will review the documentation and applications to rank applications for the council to interview: Anne Hathaway, Robert McLaughlin, Travis Tschaenn, Ray Kotarski, Judith Kenninger and Mike Arnould.

October 25, 2018 Regular town council meeting

Mr. Jessen opened the meeting and indicated that four members were present with Mr. Benham being absent this evening. After consent items were approved, the reports from commission and boards this evening was the police department and fire territory report. Chief Grimes announced that they were working one officer down per a resignation received earlier in the year. The process of recruitment is to personal interviews of 46 individuals for the resignation replacement and three new officers for next year. Next to the podium was Chief Alcorn with the fire territory report. He relayed the fact that the closest vehicle may not be from Brownsburg.

Previously considered started with ordinance 2018-22 which was the second reading of the salary and salary ranges for 2019. Since the first reading, there was minor changes. One was the stratification of the building inspector positions and added two more certification types. The changes were approved as an amendment and the ordinance was approved on second reading.

New for consideration, started with a voluntary annexation for a property on 425N who requested to be connected to sewer. The council approved the annexation on first reason and allowed for the sewer connection to go forward while the annexation was being finalized.

Next on the agenda was ordinance 2018-24 and 2018-38 regarding the Bundy lodge in Arbuckle park. The first ordinance updates the fee schedule for renting the Bundy lodge since the park department will be taking over the leasing of the facility. The increased fees also cover the

updates the park department has made to the Bundy Lodge. Ordinance 2018-24 was approved on first reading. The second ordinance revising the lease of Bundy Lodge with the Lions Club was approved unanimously.

The Council Approved an Unplanned \$ 1.2 Million Dollar Allocation

\$780K to pay for

Errors and Omissions in the Town Center Enderly Ave. & Mill St. Projects

and landscaping in the commons area. The bid came back higher than previously anticipated for the common area. This appropriation is to cover these expenses but does not have to be spent if not needed. During the public hearing, several citizens came up to understand the errors and omissions that were found during the inspections of the projects. It has been identified that the errors and omissions happened during the design phase of the projects. The appropriation was approved unanimously.

Next was the resolution 2018-37 adopting a Title VI nondiscrimination plan and policy pursuant of several federal and Indiana civil rights regulations and nondiscrimination regulations. This is needed to be in place because of Brownsburg being a recipient of federal funds. Because of changes requested by Mr. Worley, the resolution was tabled until the November 15th council meeting.

Resolution 2018-36 was next on the agenda. It was a resolution for additional appropriation which was an advertised public hearing. The resolution is to approved an additional appropriation from the town's EDIT fund in the amount of 1.2 million for various reasons particularly for design errors and omissions on Green Street, Enderly Avenue and Mill Street projects which total approximately 780 thousand dollars. This amount prepares the town to deal with the cost of fixing the errors and omissions in the road projects. Also some scope changes and unforeseen issues such as sub-grade treatment and utility shut-offs and addresses surface improvements to the Arbuckle commons, fountains

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The last new item this evening was ordinance 2018-25 authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of providing funds to pay for certain projects and incidental expenses in connection with the issuance of the bonds. This is a first reading. The town has identified several projects that can be funded by GO bonds. If approved, the town staff would ask for prioritization of those projects that will use the funds. A couple of possible projects are the enhancements on Northfield Drive between McNeese Drive and Roland Manor and the improvement of the intersection of 900E and US 136. The amount would be approximately 3 million. With the town growth, the bonds could be issued without increasing taxes. To meet timing deadlines, this would need to be approved for second, third and final reading in November. The ordinance was approved 4-0.

Town manager items brought up that Brownsburg was recognized and the city managers conference with an award for significant increases in satisfaction in mobility issues like trails, round-a-bouts and Ronald Reagan Parkway.

Citizen comments were made by David Weyant and Jim Murphy discussing the GO Bonds and their usage.

November 15, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting

Mr. Benham opened the meeting and indicated that four council members were present with Mr. Jessen being absent this evening. Mr. Benham then read the proclamation for Small Business Saturday which was held the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Next was comments from citizen's based on the agenda for the evening which brought up Mr. Weyant questioning exactly what the monies from the GO Bond would be used for in the town. Consent items were unanimously approved. Next was a bid opening for the disposal of the Carnegie Library for a purchase price of 168,500 dollars. The bid will now go to staff to be reviewed and a proposal brought to the council at a later date.

Previously considered started with the third reading and final adoption of ordinance 2018-22 approving the salaries and salary ranges for the town. Since there were no additional changes after the second reading, the ordinance was unanimously approved. Next was ordinance 2018-23 which was the second reading of the voluntary annexation of a property on 425 North. This ordinance did include a public hearing. They are moving the effective date until 2020 because of the census that is coming up and the paperwork involved in the census process. For the next year, the voluntary annexations will be moved through the process but the effective dates will be in 2020. With no questions from the public or the council, the ordinance was approved on second reading.

Next was the ordinance amending the official town fee schedule as it pertains to the Bundy Lodge as the Park department is assuming the administrative responsibility for the lodge rentals. There was not any changes from first reading and the ordinance was approved on second reading

Next was the GO Bonds ordinance for second, third and final adoption. The most likely projects are 900E and US 136, resurfacing roads, improvements from McNeese to Roland Manor and other projects such as Airport Rd and Ronald Reagan. Because of the growth in the town over the last year, it is a perfect time to use

the assessed value to give the town an opportunity to work on infrastructure projects. This allows the bonds to be issued without increasing the tax rate. The ordinance was approved 4-0.

Next was resolution was the Title VI nondiscrimination plan and policy which was tabled in October. This was tabled to add the administrative to page 23. This needs to be in place to get Federal highway funds. Since Mr. Blake thoroughly discussed in October the resolution was approved unanimously.

Next was ordinance 2018-26 was the first reading of the water availability fee changes. This is to plan for changes needed to the water availability for current and future growth. This does not change water utility fees. It changes the availability fees for connections to the water system. This was first brought to the council in September. The comments from Mr. Hartsell indicated that the fees keep Brownsburg within the range of other communities. This ordinance was approved on first reading. Next was the companion ordinance 2018-27 for sewer availability fees. All of the same reasons were given to increase these fees as the water availability fees. The ordinance was approved 4-0 at first reading.

December 6, 2018 Regular Town Council meeting

Mr. Benham opened the meeting indicating that only three members were present with Mr. Dawes and Ms. Bascu being absent. This was a very short meeting which included consent items and one new for consideration item. The consent items were approved unanimously. The new for consideration item was a resolution approving additional appropriation which included an advertised public hearing. In the original appropriation in October for Arbuckle Common did not include the 911 Memorial funding. This could have been put into the 2019 budget but by doing a special appropriation to front the cost of the memorial and get it in place sooner than later. The second part of the appropriation is to purchase a new medic truck. The resolution was approved 3-0.

December 20, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting

The meeting was opened by Mr. Benham who indicated that all members were present this evening. With no citizen's coming forward for comments on the agenda, Mr. Benham moved to consent items which were approved unanimously.

Next on the agenda was the fire and police department reports which were presented without comment from the presenters or the council. Town administrative items brought to the podium the water department and the Chamber of Commerce report. Mike Arnould stated that the chamber continues to grow with 49 new members in 2018. Mr. Arnould highlighted the Chamber website and job board which have continued to draw views to the business events and open positions.

Next was previously considered items starting with a voluntary

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The Council Approved 45% Increase in Water Connection Fees 45% in Sewer Connection Fees on First Reading



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hearings which will be held in November and December.

With the new construction downtown Brownsburg, questions have come up as to where new students of the Union Green apartment complex will be attending school. Dr. Jessup recommended The Board approve the school assignment during the October meeting for students to feed into Lincoln Elementary, East Middle School and, of course, Brownsburg High School. Mr. Hylton did request reasoning for Lincoln being chosen. Dr. Jessup explained Lincoln currently has the lowest enrollment rates of all the elementary schools in the district. She also explained with the low number of units and possible students, Lincoln was the best option of these children. The motion was then approved by The Board.

The final item brought up by Dr. Snapp was the recommendation to approve an increase in custodial compensation. Dr. Snapp explained with the increasing wages in warehouses in the area has caused difficulties in filling custodial positions for the district. Dr. Snapp explained after having meetings with the BCSC Head Custodians, it has been concluded increasing starting wages for custodians and providing wage incentives for continued employment is necessary. Dr. Snapp explained new hires would start at \$13.00/hr with a 50 cent/hr increase after 120 days of employment. After completing 240 days of employment, the new hire will receive another 50 cent/hr increase. Finally, on the one-year anniversary of employment, the employee will receive an increase to \$14.50/hr. All current custodians should be compensated at a minimum of \$14.50/hr beginning in November. Finally, any BCSC employee who recommends an individual be hired as a custodian and successfully completes 120 days of employment will receive a \$250 bonus. This incentive will be retired once all custodial positions are filled.

November Meeting

The NOVEMBER BCSC School Board Meeting opened with approval for the October meeting minutes report and commendations for BCSC Athletes. Mr. Voigt provided an operations update for the nutrition services by adding serving lines to help alleviate the time it takes for food to be served to students. Also, as discussed in the October meeting, there was a void for custodians within the district. Currently BCSC has filled three of those positions and only five remain vacant. There has also been great success in the new control system being installed for the doors. BCSC has worked closely with an outside vendor to ensure the system is being installed correctly and will provided the door systems to work as efficiently as possible.

Jessica Heffernan provided updates for the Brownsburg Education Foundation Report. The Yankee Candle fund raiser raised over \$38,000 in profit which is comparable to past years. The BCSC Payroll Deduction Campaign has been successful by adding 96 new donors and eight previous donors increased their deductions. This will provide

16 scholarships to be provided in 2019 compared to 13 in 2018. Apples for Excellence Program will begin the week before Thanksgiving. Students will be able to purchase apples in the cafeterias for a \$5 foundation.

The meeting moved to Dr. Jessup on the Distinguished Graduate Committee for an update. Recently, it has been suggested class rank be eliminated throughout the district to recognize students. Recently Dr. Jessup explained they provided advertising through newsletters to 27,000 recipients for the meeting to form a committee as well as 25 days on the BCSC homepage. Of the number of people reached, 18 people volunteered and a total of 13 were in attendance. Of those in attendance, there were parents of high school students and educators with children in the school system. The Committee has suggested ways to recognize students is for academic achievements through multi-tier levels, as well as recognizing on overall involvement in school. Information will be gathered at the end of November in hopes of coming to The Board with a recommendation in January. The Board did discuss other school districts have made this change as well and recognize either academic achievement, overall involvement in school or both.

The Board also discussed the objectives use of facilities. In this, they examined the various groups renting BCSC facilities, evaluated the initial reception of fee increases and modifications, discussed all the factors used in determining facility rental fees and gathered feedback from The Board on current direction and best align facility fee charges with that direction. This was discussed as it has been four years since the last review was completed of facility fees and the new fee structure had resulted in significant increases to some groups. This led to a lot of discussion of how to best charge fees as the bulk users of the facilities are youth groups.

The transportation and bus levy appeal was reviewed and The State has authorized the district to generate another 11 cents in the levy and raise the tax rate to from \$1.47 to approximately \$1.56. This would generate another \$2.6 million in bus replacement and transportation funds. This would have a considerable impact on tax payers which is what The Board has promised to avoid. Mr. Gardner is recommending, instead, BCSC take only 2 cents this year of the levy which will lower taxes to \$1.46 and raise approximately \$400,000 for the transportation fund.

December Meeting

The DECEMBER BCSC School Board Meeting opened with operational updates. Mr. Voigt explained operations has been looking into getting the Brownsburg High School gymnasium floor refinished. Currently, the floor has started to delaminate. Though operations were hoping to get at least one more year out of the floor, due to the condition, they are unable to do so. Currently operations and facilities are looking for the right vendor to bid out the job. The board approved a new facilities supervisor position approximately one month ago. Since then, the position has been filled. The hope is they can continue to fill the staffing needs throughout the remainder of the year.

The meeting moved to Dr. Snapp for the first reading of the program of studies. There are a projected 10 new courses being introduced for 2020 with six classes being removed. This was reviewed to find courses which will better engage students for the upcoming years. Questions were brought up on who determines weight for the classes due the changes in the class ranking. Dr. Snapp explained the recommendation is they only offer advanced placement and CORE 40 classes. The weighting of the courses will change to the new system in three years. During this transition, freshman may be in classes with upper classmen. Though they will be in these courses, due to the new ranking system, they will be receiving a different weight than the older students.

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Dr. Snapp then moved on to discuss the Distinguished Graduate Committee. Stephanie Morris with the committee presented information from the two meetings the committee recently had. In lieu of class rank, the committee were presented with three questions. Should students be awarded for academics only? Should students be awarded for academics and overall involvement? Or should students be awarded strictly for involvement? The committee unanimously agreed students should be awarded for academics alone.

The Committee decided a 3.8 GPA is the minimum requirement for students to qualify as a Distinguished Graduate. This is the minimum requirement for National Honor Society. To measure on academics, it was decided these measurements should be broken down into categories. It was determined the Latin Honor System was most efficient for these categories. Students with a 3.8 – 3.99 GPA will earn a Cum Laude rank, a 4.0 – 4.19 GPA will earn a Magna Cum Laude rank and finally students with a 4.2 and up will receive a Summa Cum Laude rank. By using this system, this will recognize the top 15-20% of the graduating class instead of the top 25 ranked students. This has been a hot topic with parents of BCSC students since Dr. Snapp announced the high school would be moving away from class rank.

Since there will no longer be a top 25 ranking, the committee has discussed the most likely option for selecting a valedictorian will be through an application process of all recognized students who are Distinguished Graduates. Also, this provides a larger opportunity for students who are just Core 40 graduates to be recognized. In the past, students who were enrolled in advanced placement courses were outweighed Honors Core 40 students due to the weighted GPA. The Committee and Board have received the information well and are looking forward to moving forward with the new Distinguished Graduate Program. The hopes is this will simplify class rank and provide students with a realistic approach to reach their overall graduation goals.

The Board then moved onto the discussion school assignments for future developments currently planned throughout the community. After Mr. Voigt and Dr. Jessup reviewed the developments, projected number of students and area; it was determined both developments potential for incoming students will be filtered through Lincoln Elementary School and East Middle School. There were questions brought up about how traffic would be handled at the round-a-bout due to the bus stop. Mr. Voigt explained the flow of traffic must stop when the bus is stopped as there is no way to pass the bus when stopped on the round-a-bout. These recommendations were approved by the Board.

Jessica Heffernan provided updates for the Brownsburg Education Foundation Report. In the month of December, students were able to purchase apples in the cafeterias for a \$5 foundation donation. A total of \$5,580 was raised through this fund-raiser to donate to the Brownsburg Education Foundation. BEF will be hosting The Rally for the Kids Gala on March 8th, 2019 at the Top Eliminator Club at Lucas Oil from 6P -11P.

The Board also discussed the objectives use of facilities which was a continued discussion from prior meetings and public hearings. This recommendation will allow The Board to move forward with working with special groups on the use of the BCSC facilities. These new use rates will be \$10/hr. for facilities and \$15/hr. for pools. These rates will supersede the other recommendations of increased fees. The recommendation was approved by the Board. - DJ Huffman

Park Board *continued from page 1*

Director Travis Tranbarger reported on the community reports for The Board. First, Director Tranbarger recognized both the board and those involved in the community for facilitating engagement on future growth and development during the vision session. One discussion brought up was how to expand the two pickleball courts into four total courts. The Board is also looking as to how to incorporate pickleball courts into Stephen's Park.

Director Tranbarger continued on the recreation report with information on the Fall Tree sale which went very well. This helps to promote the preservation of the urban forest by selling them to Brownsburg residents. October 27th at 6P The Recreation Team will be hosting their first "Trail and Treat" at William's Park. Following this event will be the first "Boovie" in the park where they will be showing Monster's Inc.

Mr. Blake spoke about the Tague property for the first item on the operations report. He advised the house has come down and the basements have been backfilled. The grass has started to grow in the area the barn was in. He advised the area is doing well and they look forward to the future of the property for the new park. The Duke Energy Day of Service provided approximately 20 volunteers to the community by helping plant the garden for the outdoor classroom pollinator garden. This garden has a specific plant which will attract monarch butterflies. This garden provided The Board with the Certified Sustainable Trail from the Indiana Wildlife Foundation. This certification allows the community to interact with nature with no adverse effects.

Finally, before the close of the meeting, citizen's questions were brought forward. One item brought up were concerns on The Board's ability to be complete transparent with the community as some items, such as the Bundy Lodge Lease Amendment were not available in the packets to which The Board had no comment. Another resident presented an issue with the idea of the recreation center. The original thought was the recreation center would be placed in Arbuckle, however, at this time a physical therapy center is now supposed to be going in that place instead. There was a high amount of concern with the Town Council working against the Park Board in these decisions. Due to this, the people of the community have lost the ability to control the decisions made for the Town. The Board commented they are working for forward movement as they are dedicated to the community and what they are there to do for the people of the Town.

November Meeting

At the NOVEMBER Park Board meeting, the Park Board opened with the department reports. The community engagement report was presented by Mary Louise Bewley. First Ms. Bewley announced the department was able to gain Shelby Abner as she transitioned from an intern to a part-time employee of the department. Ms. Bewley praised Ms. Abner on her work on the department's social media site, as well as the photography and videography services she has provided to the department.

The Board then moved forward to the Operations and Development report presented by Mr. Blake. The Cardinal Park Project Phase I was completed and the pre-final walk-thru was completed. There were a series of repairs and/or adjustments which will need to be made which will bring construction through to Spring of 2019; however, the contractor has made promises these issues will be made whole. Currently, the project is approximately \$100k over budget due to issues with the design plans and geotechnical and subsurface issues on site. However, despite this, operations is still within the contingency planned for this project. Mr. Blake moved forward to the William's Park traffic circle plan. The plan should be available for review to determine preliminary cost estimates to determine if bidding will be necessary or if public quotations will be an option. An update on that

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project and costs will be available in December. Mr. Blake advised the Whitelick Creek Greenway Phase I and Phase II will allow the department to seek funds from the State in the Next Level program to connect the trails. As those projects complete design, the applications for funding will move forward. The final update Mr. Blake presented was an update on the Stephen's Park Design. This new design included six pickleball courts, enhanced playgrounds and trails. This design will be ready in early 2019 and the hope is that construction will begin in 2020.

Director Tranbarger advised the Park Foundation has received two proposals from consultants for staff and the Park Board a working group to have a more sustainable Park Foundation moving forward. This will provide a third party perspective to help interview key stakeholders and identify community members who will serve well within the Foundation. There were concerns the consultant should not approach things within a standard box, but apply to ensure they are looking at every conceptually.

Mr. Cornelius then moved on in the report by recognizing the department's fitness instructor, Judy, for the work she has completed through the active adult's program and the money raised of over \$4,000 to donate to the American Red Cross. Mr. Cornelius reported the "Trail and Treat" event did very well with a line outside of the park with 25 total local businesses and vendors in attendance. The "Christmas Under the Stars" parade is coming up in the month of December. There will be a change in the parade route. The route this year will begin at Brown Elementary School, run south to Tilden, then from Tilden to Locust, and finally Locust to Williams. There will be a Police Escort to Town Hall, so children may have photos with Santa. Due to the amount of heavy construction downtown, this will be a temporary route for this year. Coca-Cola will also be bringing a surprise guest (The Polar Bear!) to assist in the entertainment while children wait in line for the photo with Santa. Questions were brought up on if the new route had been communicated with the local businesses on Main St. as several local businesses have participated in the parade. While advertisements have been published, it is unknown if these businesses are aware.

The meeting closed with citizen comments. The first question brought forward was if IU Health was still involved in the Community Center to which The Board answered they are still involved and they will be fully involved in the pre-design process. There were also questions of the Tague Property which had no additional updates since the last updates were presented. Another question of what the equestrian fence would include. The Board explained the fence will provide a division between the homes in Bersot Crossing and the planned equestrian trail. Another resident brought up concerns with Arbuckle Commons in that the Town does not own the path to the park and the concerns with if they block entry to the park and if the Town will have access to the road. The Board did explain the Town does have access and that it is written on the plat

December Meeting

At the DECEMBER Park Board meeting, the Park Board opened with the department reports. Jonathan Blake presented new business information for Stephens Park and Cardinal Park Phase II. Stephens Park has added additional pickleball courts for a total of six courts. They are anticipating an expansion of 12 temporary courts be added. The parking lot has also been expanded for overflow and shelters are being planned and moved further back from property lines. The shelter will be smaller, but the anticipation is that they reuse existing shelters. This prevents intrusion on residential property lines. Finally, they have also planned restrooms for the plan which will have two stalls per restroom. Cardinal Park Phase II includes the future playground, a large and small dog area, and restrooms. The department is currently nearing the end phase of design for the dog park(s). Currently Cardinal

Park will be the only dog park planned for the community outside of private parks in some apartment communities.

The community engagement report was presented by Mary Louise Bewley. The department is currently working on the Spring/Summer 2019 Recreation Guide. This guide is the largest one the department has created and will include a page to remove to post with important dates the department will be hosting. Currently the department is moving to go into 2019 with sponsorships to help fund needs for recreational activities.

Phil Cornelius presented information on the Town partnership for the "Let's Give" Food Drive. The department was able to collect over 2400 canned good items to donate to needy and hungry families by stocking the Messiah Food Pantry. Christmas Under the Stars was

successful. There were a total of 36 floats who participated in the parade. The department is currently planning the Breakfast with the Grinch and are adding more food items to the menu. February will host the Annual Father/Daughter Dance. The department has already sold out of all the tickets and participation has increased compared to previous years. Currently, due to the loss of a site manager, the department is currently seeking to fill that role.

Community Members Expressed Concerns

The Town Council is Working Against the Park Board's Efforts

To Deliver Any Type of Recreational / Community Center

The Board then moved forward to the Operations and Development report presented by Mr. Blake. The contractor for the B&O equestrian fence have started. The posts have started to go up. The department is currently waiting for Spring to complete some punch list items,

including planting additional trees in Cardinal Park. The Williams Park traffic circle is nearing the end of the first phase. This will remove all the existing concrete walks in the center, adding pedestrian walk ways and updating landscaping.

Director Tranbarger advised they are still working with the Park Foundation has on the pre-design project from consultants for staff and the Park Board a working group to have a more sustainable Park Foundation moving forward. This will essentially drive the discussions for the future planning of the rec center. This will also facilitate communications with the community for input on the design of the center. Public meetings are anticipated at the first of the year to provide more of this information.

The meeting then moved citizen comments. The first concern is the inability for citizens to find information for the agendas and packets for the Board meetings. The Board advised they also struggle with finding the information, but Director Tranbarger advised the agenda is viewable in the archives with the recordings of the meetings; however they are currently working on improving the system. - *DJ Huffman*



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annexation third reading and final adoption. This will be effective in 2020 because of the 2020 census, the connection to water and sewer will not be delayed. The ordinance was approved 5-0.

The next ordinance was the third reading and final adoption of a new fee schedule for the Bundy Lodge rentals since the Parks department will be taking over management from the Lions club in 2019. This ordinance was passed unanimously.

The next two ordinances were the water and sewer availability fee changes. These were both public hearings. Mr. Benham took the ordinances separately. First was ordinance 2018-26 pertaining to water availability fees for new connections to the system and not water rates. Mr. Benham opened the public hearing for the water availability fee. First up was Kate Collins from Building Association of Greater Indianapolis (BAGI). She stated that she met with Town staff privately and there are some outstanding issues. After the meeting, there are still some opportunities for improvement and BAGI is requesting that the vote be tabled until all issues can be discussed and negotiated. Few of the outstanding concerns are the fees listed as 30% for other services, the normal for the industry is 8% for a contingency fees. Adding this 30% fee will bring Brownsburg from one of the lowest permits in Hendricks County to one of the highest in Central Indiana. Data shows that every 1000 dollars you add to a home price in Central Indiana actually prices out 1016 people.

Next to the podium was David Weyant, who agreed with Ms. Collins and talked to the cost being passed to the homeowners. He asked if Bonds or other funds be looked at since he viewed the high fees as an infrastructure improvement program.

The third person to the podium was David Compton Vice President of land acquisition for Pulte Homes of Indiana. He stated he was extremely bullish on Brownsburg. Being proactive is great, Brownsburg competes against Hendricks, Boone and Hamilton County, if the rates go through as planned Brownsburg will have the second highest rate in the City with only Avon being higher. Plainfield water and sewer rates combined would be half of Brownsburg and Lebanon will be 66% of the Brownsburg rate. Specifically for water, Pulte homes was metered on how many permits they were allowed for Greystone and Bell Arbor based on water usage. The only thing that was ever mentioned was a 1.3 million water interconnect on 56th street. When the study comes out was a 5 million dollar water tower which was never mentioned, and they asked the town what the price was based on and the town had not had time to respond. He also questioned Umbaugh's calculations which had the Pulte property utilizing current water resources except the water for their property was supposed to come from the interconnect. They feel that the calculations would make them pay twice for the same resource. Next to the podium was Robert Glennon who owns 40 acres near Tilden. He works in utility regulation and availability fees are seen as a way to get money without charging your core users but get the fees from faceless people that are on the sidelines. If the fees go through, it makes his acreage worth less to developers and also chills the developers from wanting to expand in the area. He said the rates should be shouldered by the people actually using the utilities and not by outside groups. After the citizen comments, Mr. Benham recommended tabling the vote until the first meeting in January. Mr. Hartsell asked if

Fee [increases] will bring Brownsburg from one of the lowest permits in Hendricks County to one of the highest in Central Indiana

*-- Kate Collins
Building Association
of Greater Indianapolis
(BAGI)*

the vote could be moved to the second meeting in January because of the holidays. The motion to move to the second meeting in January was seconded. Mr. Dawes commented that he did not want to slow down progress on the infrastructure needs. Mr. Worley is in favor in cutting the contingency fee down to about 10% and moving forward on second reading to third reading. Mr. Jessen commented that he was not in favor of becoming the next Carmel and if we are going to keep growing jobs in the warehouse type positions, the town needs to have homes that those people can afford. The fees as presented is about 40-45% increase in fees which will price us out of the market. After all the discussion, the council approved moving the second reading until the second meeting in January and recessing the public hearing until this same date.

Mr Benham than moved to the ordinance on sewer availability fees with an advertised public hearing. Mr. Compton was the first to the podium. He stressed that the builders wanted to pay their fair share but he emphasized FAIR share of the costs. The builders want orderly and predictable growth for Brownsburg. Because of the new wastewater plant, the costs for sewer are incremental not starting from scratch. The current study is based on the new developments would pay 100% of costs. Other cities have been able to do the same growth with a mixture of debt, incremental growth and current rates. He asked for opportunity to work with Umbaugh on redoing the calculations. The next person up to the podium was Leonard Vallone, he was a council member and zoning person for over 25 years in another state. He suggested that Brownsburg should not be doing sewer and water by meter size because all homes use the same meter but by number of bedrooms which means a smaller house would pay lower fees than a bigger house. Next Kate Collins came up to the podium asking for a continuance to work with the town more on the fees. Mr. Glennon came back up to state that his comments on sewer are the same as his comments on water fees. He also reiterated Mr. Compton statement about spreading the cost across all users of the utility. Mr. Austin came up to say that he sees this as a revenue problem and town users pay two fees a usage fee and a flat fee. Mr. Weyant came up to reiterate that his comments on water were the same for sewer. Mr. Benham asked to table this motion until the second meeting in January which was unanimously approved. He then made a motion to recess the advertised public meeting until the same meeting which was also approved unanimously.

First for new for consideration was to approve the design contract for Northfield drive improvements from McNeese Way to Roland Manor. This will not include the intersection itself. The contract would be 129,800 dollars and once designed would allow for construction during the 2019 construction season. The intersection work is slated after Green Street is completed and the Northfield extension. After the discussion, the motion was made and carried to allow Mr. Hartsell sign the contract.

Last for new under consideration was the public hearing on the disposition of the Carnegie Library property. Mr. Hartsell recommends to reject the current bid because the town is ready to enter a development agreement for the property at this time. No one came up for the public hearing. The motion was made to reject the bid at this time based on Mr. Hartsel's recommendation. The motion was approved to reject the bid.

For Town Council items, Mr. Dawes read a plaque thanking Mr. Benham for his work on the council and his tenure as President of the Council. Then during citizen's comments, Mr. Weyant came to the podium thanking the council for listening this evening to the public with the water and sewer availability fees. He also thanked Mr. Benham for his service to the community. Then for the last time, Mr. Benham gaveled the meeting adjourned. -- *The Editor*

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Driving south on 267 from 700N, you will see something new at the Jiffy Lube. It is not unusual to see a mural on the side of the buildings but in this case Lonnie Hinkle, COO of Jiffy Lube Indiana and Brownsburg resident, sought to take advantage of a unique opportunity. In a departure from the other murals Jiffy Lube had commissioned, which were used to curb graffiti while promoting each neighborhood's unique identity. Mr. Hinkle stated "I'd like to see people talking about it, I'd like to see people come together. This whole development of Brownsburg has become very divisive. I'd like people to talk more, be more humble be able to get together and talk about the issues. This is a nice talking piece to get people started."

The murals were completed in partnership with the Indy Arts Council which put out a call for proposals throughout the entire state. The winning artist was Barbara Stahl a mural artist from Indianapolis who is known for the iconic Pacers schedule Mural at Banker's Life Fieldhouse among other works. Mr. Hinkle provided a broad general direction using his own experience and directed Barbara to use the mural at McAlister's Brownsburg as a jumping off point. Mr. Hinkle noted, "I'd like to have something that somewhat resembles this. The rest is history she has done a marvelous job".



Barbara Stahl
Indianapolis Mural Artist

Lonnie Hinkle, COO of Jiffy Lube Indiana and Brownsburg Resident



Mr. Hinkle hopes that the mural will show how the town has grown and developed over the years and what the future may hold for the community. To see more examples of Barbara Stahl's work goto her website at <http://stahlstudios.com/childrens-educational-murals/>. Please stop by the Brownsburg Sentinel's website for an in depth article into the mural, Barbara's research she used for inspiration, and the meaning of the resulting design elements.- by The Editor

Lindsey Jackson Recognized



For the past four years, Park Board member Lindsey Jackson has been a strong advocate for Brownsburg Parks by increasing community outreach, supporting the creation of facilities and parks that meet the needs of all visitors, and meeting with residents to ensure they have the most up-to-date information about park projects. Dec. 12 was Lindsey's last meeting as a Park Board member.

Cari Palma (L) Lindsey Jackson (R) Park Board President Cari Palma presented Lindsey with a plaque on behalf of the board in gratitude of Lindsey's service. - Content courtesy Brownsburg Parks

In Loving Memory



Billy Ray Goff

Billy Ray Goff, of Liberty Kentucky passed away on Friday, February 1, 2019, at Casey County Hospital. He was 62.

Born on April 5, 1956, in Indianapolis, Indiana, he was a son of the late Charles Ray Goff and Jewell Goff Land. Billy was a truck driver. He loved motorcycles, playing pool and spending time with his grandchildren.

Billy is survived by his two daughters, Jaime Goff and Lindsay (Andy Johnson) Goff, both of Indianapolis, Indiana; a son, Josh (Emeral) Goff of Shelburn, Indiana; a step-daughter, Chelsea O'Donnell of Indianapolis; a step-son, Kristopher Carter of Indianapolis; and four grand-children, Landon Johnson, Aubrey Johnson, Jasper Goff and Elsie Goff. Other survivors include three special cousins, Myra Wethington, Carla Simpson and Trenea Rogers; an Aunt, Marguerite Overstreet of Liberty; and his maternal Grandmother, Millie Murphy of Liberty. See www.mckinneybrown.com for arrangements.

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