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Vision Treynor Update



Travis Castle, with Doug Wehring, Vision Treynor board members, gave an update. The Board also includes Scott Reelfs and Norm Collins. Travis is proud of this group having the

resolution to stay with this transformational project. The story is about planting seeds. Plant, nurture, and wait for it to grow.

Some facts: 1) The 9.5 acres to the north sold to Heartland created 29 homes, and 28 are filled. There are 34 kids high school age or younger residing there. 2) Every night in June there was a Little League game or practice using The T fields. Shelly Bailey developed a website calendar so all teams can schedule. (www.treynorvision.org).

Castle thanked major grantors: TS Bank, Iowa West, Community Foundation of Western Iowa, Charles E. Lakin Family Foundation and now most recently Destination Iowa, which was made possible due to partnering with Treynor Parks & Trails Board (TPT). Travis stated some recognition is made on social media of donors, but eventually there will be a wall or Winner's Circle to recognize donors.

Members of the TPT Board include Wendy Andersen, Lisa White, and Brooke Curtis. This group will put in three amenities – the Splash pad, Tristan's Trail, and an all-inclusive playground called Dexter's Dream– starting this fall.

The Family Gathering Place at The T will be built starting next week. The cost is \$336,000 received from the Charles E. Lakin grant. A 110 ft. x 40 ft. Wick building bought from Roger Webster will be the framework. The interior is 70 ft. x 40 ft. with two 20 ft. overhangs. This building will provide area gatherings under the overhangs, concessions, a family gathering room, three restroom options (men, women, and a restroom with an adult/large child changing station), plus a seasonal lease space, and areas for utilities.

The construction of the basic shell will take 4-6 weeks to build. This fall there will be a rough in of utilities and concrete poured. The interior will be finished this winter. Some volunteer labor and in-kind services will be needed.

The shell costs \$221,000 and it will take \$100,000-\$125,000 to finish the rest. Brett Moore did the dirt work to grade this area. Next spring Vision Treynor will look for funding from organizations and individuals for picnic tables.

The goal for the 54 acres owned by Vision Treynor is to put things there that make Treynor better. Possibilities for the future will be basketball courts, pickle ball, corn hole, and a miracle field for all abilities. But the immediate goal is the completion of the red square on the diagram (see email attachment) which will take 12-18 months.

There are three current challenges:

1. **Grading:** Eventually a new city street in the property will be built. Dirt will be available in exchange for grading. Grading could cost \$250,000 in the interior portion. There are 8.2 acres west of the soccer fields which are planted in beans to keep the weeds down, thanks to the Clausen boys. This area is for sale now for development which will provide 18-20 residential lots. The developer will come in knowing they will be doing the grading.
2. **Electricity:** The city pays to run to the top of hill, then Vision Treynor pays to get to the facility – cost approximately \$100,000- \$200,000.
3. **Destination Iowa:** Three entities collaborated and applied for this "Shovel-Ready" grant provided by the State of Iowa. The City of Treynor, the VTG, and the TPT. Each group has a specific project in mind that the money will be utilized for. The grant is for a total of \$800,000 and has a 60/40% match component. The match can be designated from funds in place, future funds raised, or in-kind labor.

Mike Holton, City Administrator, concluded by saying, "Nothing comes easy. For every forward thinking plan, there are 5-10 obstacles." He also expressed, "It has been incredible to see the boards of Vision Treynor and Treynor Trails and Parks work together."

Next week's Speaker:**Kim Moore Peterson****Boston Marathon bombing experience**

Famous Quote**"The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer up somebody else."****Mark Twain**

Meeting Minutes

Jordan Campbell, called the meeting to order. Seventeen members were present. Travis Castle, Doug Wehring, Mike Holton, Avery Dyke were guests.

The group recited the pledge and Dee Guttau said the prayer.

Jordan shared that today in history in 1305 William Wallace (Braveheart) was executed. In 1966 Martin Luther King was stoned in a Chicago march, however, he didn't die.

Jokes: Keith Denton, Jordan Campbell, Steve Chambers, Bill Vorthmann, and Mike Holton shared jokes

50/50: Kevin Underwood won.

Attendance: Ann Vorthmann won, but was not present to claim.

Birthdays: Mike Holton's birthday is Aug. 9.

Chad Gutttau will celebrate next Saturday. Dale Willenborg said his dad turns 99 tomorrow.

Celebrity Lolo Jones turned 40. She was an Olympics heavy favorite in hurdles, but tripped and stumbled. Jordan says she has an interesting life story.

Anniversaries: Mike Holton's wedding anniversary is Aug. 8 – 35 years. They were married on 8/8/88.

Bragging Rights: (Dollars are contributed to benefit local youth programs.)

- Judy Gutttau announced Josh and Shelly Gutttau's 23rd anniversary and shared a story about what their 8 year old had to say.

- Judy Gutttau gave tribute to Rick Horton.
- Jim Clausen is excited about getting to go to the Cardinals and Kansas City play next weekend (birthday gift).
- Bill Vorthmann paid \$5 for many honors at Westfair. His daughter's Rachel and Sarah have kids in 4-H. Avery was named Outstanding Senior, James had grand champion broilers and poultry and were sold in the purple ribbon sale. He also had grand champion apple pie.
- Dick Fox said he had 4.3" in two rains this week. (It was suggested that maybe he must have two gauges and added them together! LOL) He also has two giant tomatoes – one weighed 1.5 lb. and one over a pound.
- Mike Holton contributed because of his anniversary and birthday, but paid to not have us sing.
- Gary Gutttau shared he had read the obituary of Katherine Shudak, a young lady who worked at the Martin-Nebraska Bomber Plant in So. Omaha. An article he shared stated that 531 B-29 Superfortresses and 1585 B-26 Marauders were built at this Bomber Plant before the end of WW II. Included were the "Enola Gay" and "Bock's Car", the B-29s that dropped the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Keith Denton stated that Chuck Nielsen's mom worked there too. Gary shared family relationships pertaining to the war. He also stated that one test pilot flew under the old AkSarBen bridge!

Community:

- There is a block party Sunday evening on Lamar St. Some streets will be blocked off. Jordan reminded all that if anyone wants to host a block party, Zion will provide the meat. Contact Jordan.
- This Tuesday, August 8 is Community Appreciation Night at the Treynor Farmer's Market. Pulled pork, sweet corn, cheesy potatoes, watermelon will be served at the community building – all free, except drinks – with tables inside and out. Last year 300 attended. Mike stated the Farmer's Market has grown with 34 vendors at any one time. They've been asked by other communities how to start one.

Business:



1. Avery Dyke received her \$500 scholarship from the Optimist Club. She plans to attend South Dakota State University in Brookings to study Design Exploratory Studies/Graphic Design. Her roommate is from Underwood. She was active in 4-H, dance, large group speech, and really enjoyed being the boys' basketball manager last year. She was a 4 year band member playing percussion. She had a very successful Westfair and won the goat showmanship award. Avery won several scholarships with the largest one being the \$20,000 Weininghoff scholarship.

2. Can Kennel sorting for the Optimists Wed. were Doug Wehring, Kevin Underwood, Bill Vorthmann and grandkids, Steve Chambers, John Klein, Dale Willenborg, Ken Graham, Gary Guttai, Gary Funkhouser, and Jordan Campbell and kids.

3. The can kennel situation was discussed briefly. It was stated that Glenwood did send a driver and helper this week, and it is the last time they will pick up. Currently 71 clients are left at the Glenwood facility with 41 approved to go elsewhere. It will be closing. One local name for hauling was suggested and it was recommended someone call him. (I'm not sure who??) John Klein recommended figuring what a trip cost would be to haul.

Gary Guttai stated he does have appointments in Atlantic for Aug. 21 and Sept. 4 at 9 AM for deliveries.

The board and anyone interested will meet next week after the meeting to discuss further.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the saying of the Creed.

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HUMOR

I SPEND A LOT OF TIME
HOLDING THE REFRIGERATOR
DOOR OPEN LOOKING FOR
ANSWERS.

Calendar

Events

Aug 11-13 Iowa District Optimist Convention, Burlington.

Birthdays

Aug 11 Chad Guttai
Aug 23 Judy Guttai

Anniversaries

Aug 13 Jerry & Barb Hempel
Aug 25 Gary & Julia Funkhouser

Programs:

Aug Jim Clausen (first 2)
Bill Vorthmann (last 2)
Sept Glenrose Meier (first 2)
Judy Guttai (3rd Sat.
Steve Chambers (last 2)
Oct Gary Guttai

Speakers

Aug 12 Kim Moore Peterson – her experience running in the Boston Marathon when there was a bombing.
Aug 19 To be announced
Aug 26 To be announced