

MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 11, 2000

The regular monthly meeting of the Greenville Town Council was called to order by Presiding Officer Ted Miller with Council members Hanzel Barclay, David Matthews, Ray Gibson, Mike Receveur and Clerk Treasurer Jack Sprigler present.

Also attending was Utility Office Manager Janice Gibson, Attorney Jef Fifer, Tom Brimm(Stacey Publishing) and Greenville Elementary School teachers and students: Amelia Wise, Bonnie Wise, Stacie Jo Price, Tyler Price, Cheryl Price, Alex Elliott, Daniel Elliott, Theresa Gottbrath and School Principal.

Before the start of the meeting the Council presented Janice Gibson an award for her twenty-five (25) years of service with the Utility.

Ms. Gottbrath explained the school is constructing a "Nature Center" to be developed and maintained by the students. Students presented the Council a "Mission Statement-A Nature Center."

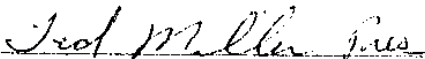
Tom Brimm (Stacey publishing) complained cars parked in his lot (Greenville/Georgetown Rd) was being splashed with mud after rains from a unimproved alley and requested the Town to rock or asphalt part of the alley. The Council advised him they would look into the matter.

Attorney Jef Fifer advised the Council employee Danny Cummins can be terminated since he cannot perform his regular duties and the Utility does not have a job he can perform to accompany his disability. The Council took no action. Mr Fifer also advised the Council the request for annexation by Mr. Joe Poston will have to be resubmitted or Mr. Poston can file a suit in County Court for annexation since the Council did not act on his original request with thirty (30) days.

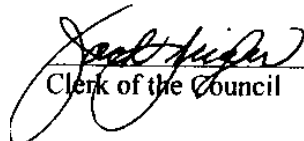
The Council approved the following:

Minutes of the March 14, 2000 meeting.
Claims for Town and Utility

No further business coming before the Council the meeting was adjourned.


Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council

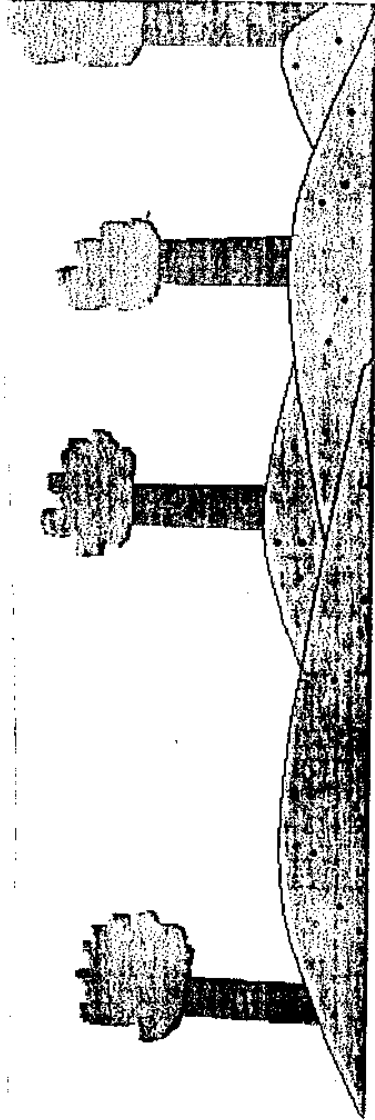


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Our mission is to promote involvement of students, and our community. We will also involve businesses to promote interaction with nature and the conservation of the environment.



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Dr: Jordan Fitzpatrick

We polled a segment of our student and teacher population to determine the focus of our mini-grant. The results indicated the desire/need for a one-half mile Walking/Nature Trail. It will include benches along the trail to quietly sit and observe nature. A water pond and waterfall will be designed and maintained by the students. A butterfly garden will be planted. A creative thinking area (where small groups of students could gather) will be made. All of these areas will be created by students and overseen by teachers and parent volunteers.

Students, teachers and the community will benefit from this project. The lab allows the community to be actively involved in the development of the nature center. It will provide a walking path for the general public. Students will be observing and experiencing science with an outdoor science lab. The students will design and maintain designated gardening areas. The students will have the opportunity to observe, predict and analyze living things and their environments. Students will study and investigate animal habitats. The lab project will foster long term planning/problem solving skills and a positive eco interactive relationship. The outdoor lab will enhance state proficiencies at all grade levels. The lab will enable teachers to integrate all subject areas experientially.

There are several ways to determine whether our goals have been completed. One would be the active participation of the student body. Students will complete self-evaluation forms to determine strengths and weaknesses of the lab. Many students will keep updated journals. The teachers will create a guide for student observation and will focus on creative processes to finding answers. The students will create an informational brochure that will be available to the public.

As with any project, obstacles will have to be overcome. Time management may be one obstacle. If need be, this problem could be a teaching tool for the plant growth cycle. A lack of good weather and poor plant growth may also cause difficulties unless these become part of the learning experience. We believe this valuable learning tool may become overcrowded and we would then make the trail larger. We hope to avoid vandalism by involving the community and the entire student body.

We will collaborate with a variety of community helpers especially those who work with natural resources. We will ask for donations from local nurseries and farms. We will involve the Purdue Extension Service as well as the County Farm Bureau. Our neighbor, Earth First, will be contacted for donations as well as for their advice. We will invite local experts to Greenville Elementary as guest speakers. As we make Science a priority at our school, we are asking our students, teachers and the entire community to be actively involved in this worthwhile project.

Greenville Elementary School to begin planning for Nature Center

There has been a rumor that there is a school nature center at Greenville. That rumor is true. There is going to be a Nature Center, behind the school, past the gym. The center will begin construction soon. The school hopes students will enjoy and learn from the nature center when it is built.

Officials hope to include a variety of things in the Nature Center including a site for deer, a trail, places for birds, as well as a garden and an

herb garden.

Floyd Co Farm Bureau has given their support for specific needs over the next five years.

On April 29 at 11:30 a.m. at Greenville Elementary, local author, Maggie Oster will share her expertise in herbal gardening. Anyone wishing further information about this event or the nature center may contact Theresa Gottbrath at school or at home -967-2049.