Call to Order. The following members were present: Members Jim Anhalt, Mark Eisenberg, Pat Mazzanti, Lloyd Simonson and Jeff Letzter – 5. Absent: Chairperson Bob McMahon and Member Randy Vinyard – 2. Also present for the Village were Tom Sanders, Police Chief and Executive Assistant; Stanley St. Clair, Police Sergeant; Trent Turner, Building & Zoning Officer; Judy Olson, Village Treasurer; Matt Wittum, Public Works Supervisor, and Laura Frumet, Deputy Clerk.

Due to the absence of Chairperson McMahon, Member Eisenberg chaired the meeting.

New Business. Discuss safety railings for bleachers at Thelen Park. Because he was unable to attend, Member Eisenberg read an email from Member Vinyard regarding RBBA’s (Richmond Burton Baseball Association) plans for 2016 park improvements in Spring Grove Park, Thelen Park, Pierce Park and Oak Valley Park. Member Vinyard is also the President of RBBA and in his absence, Resident Bob Omark was present to represent RBBA. The projects include repairing the concession stand at Spring Grove Park which has a materials list of approximately $2,200, ball field work at all the parks, sports equipment upkeep and repair, and the installation of the fencing safety rails on the bleachers at Thelen and Spring Grove Parks. Supervisor Wittum explained that even though the bleachers in Thelen Park are for the Comets, RBBA got involved when the village agreed to install the walking path in exchange for that work. Members Anhalt and Simonson wanted to make sure the railings are a priority in the spring before the parks are used as the village would be liable if there were an accident. Mr. Omark agreed and said it will be a priority for them.

Member Eisenberg then brought up RBBA’s request to have the field usage fees for 2016 or 2017 waived because of the concession stand project and other work they will be doing at the parks. Member Eisenberg noted that the village still has a loan to pay on Thelen Park. The members felt that instead of waiving the $10 per participant fee, a reduction to $5 would be more favorable. It will be up for further discussion at the next village board meeting.

Discuss repairs to the Spring Grove Park concession stand. RBBA has agreed to pay for the repairs at the concession stand and will use volunteers in the trades to do the work but feels that the field usage agreement should be reviewed again as there are some gray areas regarding the responsibilities of the village and RBBA for the concession stand.
Review parks maintenance projects for Public Works. The 2016 Public Works parks project list in order of priority was: Springdale Trails Park – equipment, sign & paths; Hatchery Park building – fascia/soffit; Horse Fair Park – fix drainage problem in gravel by the pavilion; Spring Grove Park – concession stand repairs. The committee noted that the last project will be completed by RBBA and item three – drainage project at Horse Fair Park – should be moved up to item two. It was originally thought to pave the area after the drainage problem is fixed but it will be better just to leave it as gravel for now due to cost.

Public Comment. None.

Other Business. Member Mazzanti said the Richmond Spring Grove Chamber of Commerce wants to do another Wine Walk in Spring Grove at Horse Fair or Hatchery Park instead of actual places of business like last year. He would like to see it held at Hatchery Park as long as there is enough parking and is meeting members there to show them the park. Member Eisenberg said any fee would be waived. The Walk will be held in May this year.

There being no further business, Member Simonson moved, seconded by Member Mazzanti to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. On voice vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Frumet, Deputy Clerk