

***Friends of Rippey Meeting
August 2, 2026 @ 5:30pm
Rippey Community Center***

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Chelsi Lawrence. Present were Chelsi Lawrence, Shannon Lawrence, Anita Rowe, Matt McNeil, Nancy Hanaman, Kevin Hick and Jennifer Stagg. Matt made a motion to approve the agenda, Anita seconded it, motion was carried. Chelsi presented the July meeting minutes. Nancy made a motion to approve the July minutes as amended. Shannon seconded, motion was carried. Anita presented the Treasurer's report. The General Account has \$15,023.32. The web account has \$798.43. The Memorial Garden has \$1,487.00 making a total of \$17,308.75. Shannon made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Matt seconded, motion was carried.

Recap on the Rippey Fun Day was discussed. We made \$4,276. We spent \$9,055.78. Although \$6,000 was for fireworks. Recommendations were to move the parade and car show times earlier due to heat. Asking companies to sponsor specific events/activities. Look into a foam machine, firework show from other companies, another activity at the baseball field as well as other activities to have for next year. We set the date for next year's Rippey Day for July 24, 2027. Shannon made a motion to approve \$400 to order trophies for next year. Kevin seconded, motion was carried. Shannon made a motion to book Tom Gano, Joe Gittens and Thirsty Pigs for next year. Anita seconded, motion was carried.

Nancy made a motion to approve of \$100 for office supplies. Shannon seconded, motion was carried. Shannon made a motion to approve \$181 for the meal for the golf fundraiser on August 29, 2026. Matt seconded, motion was carried. Shannon made a motion to keep the proceeds from the golf tournament separate from the general fund and to be used for next year's golf tournament. Anita seconded, motion was carried.

Other discussion was had about having a big banner made to advertise Rippey Fun Day, ask Dennhardt for a quote for the sidewalk at the Memorial Garden, applying for Greene County Community Foundation grant in November and possibly having a Bingo fundraiser throughout the year. Nancy made a motion to adjourn. Anita seconded, motion was carried. The next meeting is September 6, 2026 @5:30pm located at the Rippey Community Center.