

Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting
July 11, 2017

Rocky Ripple Town Board Chair Carla Gaff Clark called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. Town board members Mandy Redmond, Jill Morris were in attendance as well as clerk-treasurer Kandy Kendall.

Treasurer Report

Kandy gave the treasurer report and indicated there were no outstanding payments from June. Kandy requested approval to buy envelopes and indicated she will come to the next meeting with quotes. It was noted that the service fee from PAYCHEX increased to \$75/month. The State Board of Accounts audit was electronically sent to the board members and Kandy has now received the hard copy for the file. Kandy suggested the board allocate up to \$1000.00 from the MVH fund to trim trees that are now blocking street signs. Carla said to wait until Marshal Mike gives his report to respond to this. Finally, Kandy indicated she has started to work on the budget for 2018 and handed out income/expense sheets for 2016 as well as the first half of 2017 for the board members to use at our first budget meeting. Kandy requested that the board meet prior to the August board meeting as she will be meeting with DLGF on August 11th. Jill moved that the treasurer's report be accepted with corrections. Mandy seconded it and all were in favor.

Secretary Report

Mandy recorded the minutes from the June meeting as Kandy was on vacation. Mandy made a motion to accept the minutes and Carla seconded the motion.

New Business

Joel Smith, new City Liaison, was unable to attend tonight's meeting but asked if anyone needs his email, for Carla to give it out.

Flood Project

Carla reported the monthly meeting with DPW and Butler was held Monday the 10th. They are working on getting right of way agreements signed so that AECOM can access the levee to begin soil borings. Most of these sites will be on the town owned levee portion. Once the borings are completed, the results will be released indicating if we can or cannot use the existing soil. Kandy asked why DPW could not use the soil borings reported in the 1995 study done by the Army Corp of Engineers, thus saving money that could then be used for the project. Carla said she wasn't aware of the soil boring report nor did she believe Mike Massonne knew of them either. Carla will check on this.

Board Survey: Mandy reported they have received 80 surveys so far and to let her know if you need one. The deadline is not firm as indicated on the survey since they hope to hear from everyone.

Resident meetings to discuss renderings: Mandy asked if we need to hold another meeting since we are not going anywhere this year with the project. The residents seemed to feel that it would be useful to have a few meetings at the townhall since less than 100 residents were at the June 6th meeting held outside of town. It was asked if the renderings could be displayed outside the hall so everyone could view them but this was not viable due to the expense of the renderings. The City has not put the renderings up on a webpage yet either so it has been a limited viewing by residents. Mandy will put together dates for the townhall to be opened for the residents to view the four current proposals by AECOM. It was also suggested that the renderings be displayed at the RRCA festival in September.

Marilyn Hunter asked why we cannot request AECOM to be creative and give us flood protection while at the same time save homes.

Hohlt Park Stage

John Bleakley, who is heading up the project, indicated that the process for permitting has become much more difficult than when we did the pavilion. John did get the structural permit but then had to go to drainage division since Rocky Ripple is in a flood zone. John was told that drainage will need to meet with the city zoning flood plan manager. He was also told he needs to have the drawings stamped by an architect. John is trying to contact Martin Truesdale to see if he can provide this. John's hope is to get all the details sorted out this year and then start building in the spring of 2018.

INDOT Grant

Marshal Mike reported we will be going with Globe Asphalt Paving and that the work will be done in spring of 2018 since we will not be getting the grant dollars, if approved, until September.

Mandy moved that we accept the Globe bid of \$89,026 and Jill seconded it. All were in favor.

Committee Business

RREM

Angie Hermann reported they are in the final stage of the evacuation plan and once this is finished, they will present it to the Board.

Jill reported she is working with a clinic that might come in and micro chip Rocky Ripple pets for \$20.00.

Angie said RREM is looking for a place to host an incident event, which would have to be out of Rocky Ripple but adjacent to us. Andy had called Butler police with no response. RREM is still working on this.

RRCA

Dhyana said the festival is set for September 23rd and they are looking for volunteers. Mandy said she would put an E-News out and ask for volunteers if Dhyana would send her the specifics of what sort of volunteer opportunities there

are. Dhyana is also looking for sponsors for the event and that things are a bit costlier this year. There are eight artist openings left.

Marshal Mike

Mike will be sending notices to citizens about clearing the right of ways. Mike said people get upset even if the Town goes into the right of way to clear brush. Mandy will post this first about notices of clearing and then Mike will go out. It was suggested we do not allocate MVH funds at this time to hire someone to clear our streets.

Mike indicated he is now certified to carry Narcan. He has 2 doses and each dose costs \$96.00.

Community Concerns

Dan Axler asked Michael Kaltenmark, external relations for Butler, if Butler could clear 51st Street since the land on the south side of the street belongs to Butler and it is encroaching onto the street.

Maureen Dobie wanted someone to go to 5375 Clarendon St and check on drug activity. Mike indicated the house was condemned by the Board of Health and it is currently empty.

Marilyn Hunter voiced concerns about more people going out on the river even though we have been experiencing high water events these past weeks. Marilyn suggested we may need to have some signage along the river besides the river gauge indicating the severity of the water. Marshal Mike said he and Scott had talked about this and thought about maybe getting the Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD) involved. If IFD deemed the water to be inaccessible, they could notify RREM.

Mandy has been in contact with Josh Taflinger, who wants to use the townhall and Hohlt Park pavilion August 26th for his and Brandy's wedding. They have agreed on \$550 to put up a tent, rent chairs and tables and use of the hall and pavilion. Josh will be getting a liquor license. Mandy asked him to submit a copy of the liquor license for his licensed bartender and his proof of insurance to the town for the event. Carla moved that the town allow Josh the use of town property and Jill seconded it. All were in favor.

Mandy also stated she is having a gathering at her house and would like to park extra cars at Peace Park. She is willing to contribute \$50 to the Town and will fill in any holes left by cars parking on park property. No vote was taken but appeared all were in favor.

John Byrne inquired as to what has become of DPW removing the tree behind his house on the levee cusp. Carla said DPW will be back later in the year. Again, John said he would like to be next on the list.

Mandy was in receipt of a letter from the IRS about 2014 W2s. There was not a W2 given to one of the council members as well as the clerk treasurer. IRS accepted the paperwork addressing this issue in 2015/16 but social security administration insists that W2's be filed. Mandy will call PAYCHEX and find out how we can settle this.

With no further business, Jill made a motion to dismiss the meeting at 8:51 and Mandy seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Kandy Kendall
Clerk Treasurer