

Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting  
March 14, 2017

Rocky Ripple Town Board Chair Carla Gaff Clark called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. Town board member Mandy Redmond, Jill Morris were in attendance as well as clerk-treasurer Kandy Kendall.

Carla asked for a motion to suspend the rules to move old business to the top of the agenda. Mandy made a motion to move old business to the top of the agenda. Jill seconded it and all were in favor

#### Old Business

##### Water Fountain

Brian Schuetter from Indy Runners presented the club's idea/plan to place a drinking fountain at 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and the canal. Town residents in attendance suggested the club locate the fountain to the north end of our town, near Ripple Road and the canal. This area does not have the traffic like 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and is wooded and much more a bucolic setting. The neighbor next to the proposed site is adamantly against it. Marshal Mike asked why the club was doing the planning at this time given that the canal path will be switching to the east side of the canal once the Westfield Boulevard Alignment Flood Wall project is completed. Mike referred to the remediation report and Brian said he would review this before they proceed further. Indy Runners are ½ way done with the fund raising and hope to have the fountain in place by summer.

##### Flood Control Update

Carla reported there was a change in the draft MOU from last month and referred the board members to page 5 #5, addressing the City's obligations. The paragraph now states 100-year frequency flood. She said the City has now signed the MOU and Butler will sign once Rocky Ripple does. State Representative, Ed DeLaney, is trying to get extra money, besides what the City has pledged in the current MOU, but said he wanted the MOU to be signed off on by the Board in order to include it in the State budget proposal. The budget will be put to bed in 10 days. Carla also said that there will be drones flying over Town in the next few days to take pictures of four different areas in Town to assist in developing the artistic renderings that will show what will happen to these properties depending on which AECOM plan residents decide to go with. Carla said the town hall will be one of the chosen sites because everyone should know where it is, and that no matter what plan is chosen, the town hall will be torn down. Carla also stated the plan chosen will also have to take into consideration the soil borings. Finally, Carla said there would be ongoing funding coming to the Town from the storm water fees currently in effect.

The floor was open for questions/statements.

Bart Herriman: The second wall is the most ridiculous idea that's ever been proposed. It is a boondoggle and a waste of taxpayers' money.

Carolyn Webster: Why would other areas pay for a storm water fee if they already have protection. Answer: Storm water fee is assessed by Marion County and we, as well as others, have always paid into it.

Question: There are no dollars actually committed since this is not a contract and the MOU still needs the City Council to appropriate the funds. Response: There will be no contract without MOU being signed first.

Randy Sanders: We have been working on this issue for twenty years and we now have a chance as a community to partner with someone else to get protection. This is an olive branch and we need to take it.

Question: Is there any break down as to what is going towards what from the total figure? No, this is a MOU and not a contract.

Question: Can we elevate homes and then not have to rely on renderings that will put some in harms way? Answer: Yes, this is now a local project and we have leeway.

Carolyn Webster: Is Butler and Rocky Ripple in agreement and is Butler willing to sign off on the MOU tonight? Bruce Arick, Butler's vice president of finance and administration, said that Butler owns 75 areas adjacent Rocky Ripple and that Butler and Rocky Ripple interests are in alignment. He said that Butler would sign off tonight if Rocky Ripple does.

With no further questions, Carla asked for a motion that Rocky Ripple signs off on the MOU. Jill made a motion that Carla sign off on the MOU and Mandy seconded. All were in favor. Bruce followed and signed off for Butler at that point.

Mandy would like to update the survey draft that is to go out to residents so they may voice their opinion of what rendering they wish to see. She suggested there be a special meeting held so that updates to the survey draft can be discussed and Jill's proposal for breaking the neighborhood into areas with resident representation for flood protection discussions could be vetted. Mandy suggested the meeting be held on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the town hall at 7:30. All agreed to this date and time. Carla will post notification of the meeting on town signboard; the public is welcome to attend.

#### Riverbank Stabilization

Carla stated DPW is finishing phase II. Jill indicated the hole in the levee from trees taken down in phase I has been filled. John Bryne believes the tree behind his home on the levee lip needs to come down. Carla will ask Mike Massonne about this.

#### INDOT Grant

Marshal Mike indicated he has contacted Globe Paving and they have not started working due to the cold weather. Kandy reminded everyone that the 2017 grant will be due end of summer because of road financing bills currently moving thru the State legislation. Kandy had been contacted by Baumgartner Paving and will give this information to Mike for future road repairs.

Marshal Mike stated White Pine would like a speed bump in front of their property.

#### Hohlt Park Stage

Previous to this meeting, Kandy had sent to the Board a synopsis of the stage committee's response to the planning, construction and other concerns the board had voiced. Mandy had further questions and Kandy indicated that she felt the committee was not in the position to answer the questions she raised. Carla

suggested the board review Mandy's comments to try and address Mandy's concerns. Carla asked for a motion to be made to allow John Bleakley to pull the permits and to be reimbursed the filing fee. Jill moved that John be allowed to pull the permits and to be reimbursed. Mandy seconded the motion. All were in favor. John Byrne felt there did not need to be any sort of marketing and he also offered to help with the noise level requirements.

Kandy reminded the board that we currently have \$10,000.00 pledged from the Hohlt family and the RRCA pledged to donate the money from the Art Festivals for 2015 and 2016.

#### Secretary Report

Jill moved the minutes from the February meeting be accepted with corrections.

Mandy seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Kandy asked the board to review the nepotism policy that has now been made a part of the Town's Ordinances. The original nepotism ordinance had been expanded to add language that defined: *direct line supervision, employed and relative*. Mandy moved that the nepotism policy become part of the Town's Ordinance: Title 1, Article 2, Chapter 3, Section 2. Jill seconded the motion and all were in favor.

#### Treasurer Report

Kandy presented a detailed format for the treasurer's report that delineated the general fund into designated and non-designated funds. Mandy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as given and Jill seconded it. All were in favor.

Kandy reported that the case *State of Indiana vs. Ann Jansen*, Case # 49F18-0901-FD-013625, has been continued indefinitely according to the court hearing entered on March 7, 2017. It was suggested that the town's attorney call the attorneys' general office and speak to the attorney on the case to find out the specifics. Carla will call Ms. Locke.

The State Board of Accounts audit is nearing completion and Kandy awaits the exit interview.

#### New Business

Carla has been in communication with Ms. Dale Brewer, Deputy Public Access Councilor, in response to a formal complaint filed against the Town of Rocky Ripple for violation of the Open Door Law (ODL). The Board will now post outside the town hall all meetings they are asked to attend, if more than one councilwoman will be in attendance, even if the meetings are called by another entity such as the City of Indianapolis. The Board will also post all regularly scheduled monthly meetings as well as any other meetings the Board members call for. Ms. Brewer did not find any violations of the ODL concerning emails sent back and forth between the town council members.

#### RREM

Jill reported the CPR booklets have been ordered. There are currently fourteen people signed up as well as Marshal Mike. The course will be held at the town hall on March 25<sup>th</sup> from 9-1.

#### RRCA

Mandy reported the Easter egg hunt will be April 15<sup>th</sup> and that she will have plastic eggs at the next town board meeting for people to take and fill for the hunt.

Dhyana indicated the artist applications for the 2017 RR Festival have been sent out and some have already been returned with payment.

#### Marshal Report

Mike has been working on the annual insurance forms for submission.

He would also like to get new stop signs as well as one-way signs. Carla suggested he talk to Lori at DPW.

#### Citizens Concerns

It was asked if the board knew anything about sewers and when this would happen. Mandy said we are still on the list and the last she had heard Rocky Ripple would be started in 2018; although she has not been contacted yet.

A neighbor on Lester street asked if the board would consider making it and Clarendon one ways to keep the soccer traffic down by pulling traffic off of Lester both entering and leaving Butler fields. Carla said it had been proposed in years past and could be looked at again.

Kandy asked if the Board was aware of the stakes in Peace Park and what is being proposed. Kandy also asked why the Vets are not being required to do the same sort of strategic planning as the stage committee is being asked to do. Mandy said Chris and Patrick Wright are laying out placement for a gazebo. No plans for any type of construction have been presented to the town board for approval. This must be completed before anything is built in Peace Park, as with any town property.

With no further business Jill moved that meeting be adjourned at 9:37. Mandy seconded it and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted

Kandy Kendall

Clerk Treasurer