

## **Approved Minutes for the Town of Rocky Ripple Board Meeting, Oct. 11, 2011**

Attendees: Robert Tomey, Carla Gaff-Clark, Angela Herrmann, Cathy Hurt  
The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Budget**

The budget was presented. It is very similar to past budgets. Residents have 10 days to file an objection. The budget will be posted on the town hall bulletin board immediately following this meeting. The budget portion of the meeting was closed at 7:35pm, and the regular board meeting was opened at 7:37pm.

### **Meeting minutes**

The minutes from the September meeting were read. Under Marshal's report, town ordinance was changed to the plural.

Angela made a motion to accept the minutes with that change. Robert seconded.

### **Treasurer's Report**

As of September 30, we had \$65,965.81 total in checking and savings. Expenses were \$6,050.76 and income was \$3,628.06. A copy of the financial summary that was handed out to board members is attached to this report.

Robert asked about the bill from Gardens of Growth for mowing. They billed us for mowing every week in August, but the weather was very dry that month and it is unlikely that the park was mowed that frequently. Robert will talk to gardens of Growth.

Angela made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Robert seconded.

Angela and Cathy attended the exit interview for the State Board of Accounts audit. No major issues were found. The report has not been finalized yet. When the final report is released it will be presented at a town meeting.

### **New Business/ Citizen Concerns**

Kathy Cancilla's fence was damaged during the brush clearing efforts in Hohlt park before the festival. The growth that was cleared should not have been- it was maintained as a buffer. The debris was left in piles, and piles of debris on the fence caused the damage. The work was done by mistake by volunteers who were getting the park ready for the festival and was not authorized by the Community Association.

A 10' buffer was promised to Kathy when the park was built; we need to work with the Community Association to re-establish those plantings. Raspberries and/or blackberries were suggested.

The fence was a 4' tall "farm fence". About 100 feet of fence between Kathy's property and the park needs to be replaced.

Robert made a motion to accept bids to remove the old damaged fence, clear out the brush piles, replace the fence to original condition and work with Kathy and the Community Association to find plantings. Angela seconded.

Julie Bleakley submitted a copy of the thank you letter that was sent to Lowe's for sponsoring the bat house project at the festival.

Mandy Redmond said that the festival took in over \$10,000. After expenses it will amount to over \$7,000. Some of the expenses incurred this year for the park include bleachers for the volleyball court, new tables, and bike racks. The location for the latter is open to suggestions.

There will be a pig roast in the park this year instead of the usual chili cook-off. There will be a hayride and a bonfire. People are asked to bring a side dish.

It was asked whether we need a permit for the bonfire. Comfort fires are allowed without a permit. It was suggested that the fire department be notified so that if they do receive calls about the bonfire they will know the situation.

A Meet the Candidates night is planned for either Tuesday or Wednesday the week of October 24<sup>th</sup>. A written guide will also be published. Candidate participation is voluntary.

Stu Rhodes spoke. He is running for city county council. He has served on the city council in the past. He said that he looks to neighborhood associations and the town board as his eyes and ears. He served as the liason with the Hohlt family when they donated the land for the park, and he is working in that capacity now- the Hohlt family is the donor for the new park equipment. He said that he and the Hohlt family really enjoyed the festival and that he would appreciate the vote.

It was asked if the board had ever considered meeting at an earlier time. No, the board has no interest in changing the meeting time.

There was a complaint that mess from the portable toilets was dumped in the park by the toilet company. Cathy responded that if the company was B&R she would call and ask them about it, but that B&R had always done a good job in the past. B&R was not believed to be the culprit, however. It was noted that there had been issues with kids tipping over the toilets in the past, and that this could be the problem in this case.

### **Marshal's Report**

There were no complaints about festival parking this year! We were proactive this year, and helped people who wanted their lawns roped off. There was one complaint about the lack of security. The booth that was set up across the street from the park had some items stolen when the booth owner stepped away. We did have security people, but they were not all wearing visible markings. We should have them wear bright shirts next year.

There was a wedding in the park. The music was turned off by 10pm, but the party didn't end until after 1am. There were no complaints, but we need to clarify our policy regarding end time for pavilion rental. It was suggested that we end events in the park at 11pm.

The batteries for the Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in the town hall and police car need to be replaced. We need new defibrillator pads also.

It was asked whether rechargeable batteries could be used. The rechargeable batteries that are available are only guaranteed for a year, and rechargeable batteries are not good to use in equipment that sits idle most of the time.

Who is trained to use the AED? Anyone can use it- there are instructions on the inside of the door. It is meant to be usable by the general public.

Angela made a motion to spend \$1000 (not to exceed 10%) for 2 batteries and new pads. Robert seconded.

On Sept. 23 there was a report of a burglary to a storage shed in the 500 block of W. 54<sup>th</sup>. The homeowners scared the burglars off. It was dark out, so they did not get a good description of the burglars.

On Oct. 4, Marshal Kiefer responded to a domestic disturbance.

### **Old Business**

Robert stated that Neil Bloede from the Butler Tarkington Neighborhood Association (BTNA) asked about the canal wall at the mayoral debate. Mayor Ballard responded that they are working on the issue. Melina Kennedy responded that Rocky Ripple opted out and that made it very complicated. She mentioned development in Broad Ripple and that 4000 people will not have to pay flood insurance once the canal wall is built. She said that we need the canal wall now.

It was stated that we still don't know if the claim about flood insurance is true. That is certified by FEMA and may be subject to post-Katrina standards.

Stu Rhodes said that he would see if he could get a recording of the mayoral debate so we could hear the actual words of the candidates.

Robert said that there have not been any more meetings with the city. There have been a few emails. Mayor Ballard still says that he wants to help Rocky Ripple and has asked about low spots on the levee that can be fixed. It is possible that this is just pre-election talk, however.

Stu Rhodes said that the Ballard administration was able to re-engineer the combined sewer overflow project to save \$740 million, and that this money can be used for new septic projects.

Angela stated that our sewers got pushed back and asked if it would cost us a lot more now that the city has made a new water deal. Mr. Rhodes said that if the new stimulus bill was passed that there would be more money to move the sewer projects forward.

Robert has spoken to David Sherman from the Department of Public Works about our sewers. Our septic systems as a whole are not as bad as those in other neighborhoods, and they are working on the worst cases first.

Angela asked Mr. Rhodes if there was anything Rocky Ripple could do to remind Mayor Ballard that we would really like sewers. Mr. Rhodes said to write letters.

Regarding the city fixing low spots on the levee, it was asked whether ownership of the levee would be an issue, since the homeowners own their portion of the levee on part of Riverview. This has been an issue in the past.

Robert stated that he would like to get something in writing before the election.

Robert stated that if 41% of homes in Rocky Ripple sustain damage from a flood the city can take over the land and force everyone to move.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Hurt

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Rocky Ripple Financial Summary									
Sept. 2011									
	Checking + Savings	General Fund	Motor Vehicle Highway Fund	Local Roads & Streets Fund	Funds under General fund				
					Police car	Police Training	Park water	Park toilet	
	Starting balance:	\$ 65,846.93	\$ 30,363.33	\$ 12,633.53	\$ 21,253.28	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 1,899.82	\$ 2.61	\$ (473.00)
expenses	<b>Routine expenses</b>								
	<b>Utilities, except street lights:</b>	\$ 344.77	\$ 344.77						
	IP&L park pavilion	\$ 11.38							
	IP&L town hall	\$ 39.82							
	IP&L vet's monument	\$ 14.23							
	AT&T, phone & internet	\$ 91.91							
	Citizens Gas, town hall	\$ 51.00							
	Water, town hall	\$ 13.21							
	Water, park	\$ 45.22						\$ 45.22	
	park toilet rental	\$ 78.00							\$ 78.00
	<b>Payroll</b>	\$ 3,845.95							
	Marshal wages		\$ -						
	Street commish wages	\$ 2,237.58		\$ 2,237.58					
	Trustee wages	\$ 566.10	\$ 566.10						
	Clerk-Treasurer wages	\$ 330.23	\$ 330.23						
	Federal payroll taxes	\$ 576.42	\$ 576.42						
	State payroll taxes	\$ 135.62	\$ 135.62						
	Workforce Development		\$ -						
	<b>Other</b>	\$ 1,782.04							
	Bank fees	\$ 15.75	\$ 15.75						
	Street lights	\$ 736.29		\$ 736.29					
	Police car gas	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00					
	Legal services		\$ -						
	Cleaning service	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00						
	Mowing service	\$ 705.00	\$ 705.00						
<b>Non-routine Expenses</b>	\$ 78.00								
August check for park toilet lost/ another check issued	\$ 78.00								
Police supplies (bike rack for car)		\$ -							
Police training		\$ -				\$ -			
Legal ads		\$ -							
Insurance (worker's comp)		\$ -							
Pavilion materials (light bulbs)		\$ -							
Refunds for town hall use clerk-treasurer school/ ILMCT dues		\$ -							
snow plowing			\$ -						
snow plow gas			\$ -						
snow plow repair				\$ -					
vehicle maintenance (police car)			\$ -						
street repair materials			\$ -						
Road salt service			\$ -						
Stormwater Fees		\$ -							
	<b>Total Expenses:</b>	\$ 6,050.76	\$ 2,748.89	\$ 3,223.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45.22	\$ 78.00
Income	<b>Income from State:</b>	\$ 2,512.37							
	LRS	\$ 874.46			\$ 874.46				
	MVH	\$ 1,291.45		\$ 1,291.45					
	Accelerated MVH1	\$ 250.98		\$ 250.98					
	Accelerated MVH2	\$ 95.48		\$ 95.48					
	Cigarette tax		\$ -						
	ABC Gallonage		\$ -						
	<b>Income from County:</b>	\$ 588.00							
	LOIT	\$ 256.00	\$ 256.00						
	LOIT special distribution		\$ -						
	Public Safety dist.	\$ 332.00		\$ 332.00					
	Court Costs to Municip advance dist.		\$ -						
	water PILOT		\$ -	\$ -					
	river boat property dist.								
	excise dist.								
	<b>Other:</b>	\$ 527.69							
	Donations	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00					\$ 20.00	
	Repayment, A Jansen	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00						
	Town hall use	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00						
	Pavilion use		\$ -						\$ -
	Ordinance violations	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00			
	Gun permits		\$ -				\$ -		
	Interest	\$ 7.69	\$ 7.69						
	Refunds	\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00						
		<b>Total Income:</b>	\$ 3,628.06	\$ 783.69	\$ 1,969.91	\$ 874.46	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00
Outstanding checks paid	\$ 150.00								Total of positive balance funds: \$13,227.21
Current outstanding checks	\$ 4,060.37								Unrestricted in General Fund: \$15,170.92
Old outstanding checks	\$ 1,368.79								
	<b>Ending bank balance:</b>	\$ 65,965.81	\$ 28,398.13	\$ 11,379.57	\$ 22,127.74	\$ 11,350.00	\$ 1,899.82	\$ (22.61)	\$ (551.00)