

**TOWN OF ROCKY RIPPLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF 08-SEP-2015**

Town Council Members/Support personnel in attendance were:

Carla Gaff-Clark
Jill Morris
Mandy Redmond
Mike Kiefer

Carla called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Meeting agenda was distributed.

Carla welcomed and thanked everyone in attendance and announced that Jill Morris has been appointed by the Republican party to fill the open Rocky Rocky Town Council position vacated by Robert Tomey. Jill has taken the position as an Independent. The term ends 31-Dec-2015. Jill's appointment letter from the Marion County Election Board was read. Jill is also on the town ballot for the November election for next term.

Carla requested that the August 2015 meeting minutes be read. Mandy read the minutes. Mandy requested assistance in writing Town Council meeting minutes so that she could keep up with financial needs. Jill agreed to begin writing meeting minutes after the current meeting.

Special Town Budget Review for 2016: Mandy completed the 2016 budget report in the state electronic system (Gateway). Copies of the proposed budget were distributed to Town Council members. Mandy stated the budget is posted online for the public to view. The budget has been raised to \$107,077 for 2016. General fund budget is \$59,000. The town has no debt. Local streets budget was raised; local vehicle highway has not changed. Budget draft was reviewed and accepted by town council members. After public comment period has passed, Town Council members will approve the budget in writing at the next Town Council meeting in October.

Regular Business:

Mandy completed and submitted the 2014 financial report. Mandy stated that she could account for all money coming in and going out. We just had not been good about the record keeping aspect of the 2014 financials. The final report is available for public review online through the state website.

Levee Updates: John Oakley from DPW and crew will walk the Rocky Ripple levee with the town's dirt committee on Oct 19th at 5:30 pm to see where the problem areas on the levee are. We may be able to set up an agreement where the city owns the levee and takes responsibility for it, or leases it from the town for the part of the levee that the town currently has ownership of in order to perform maintenance on it. Trees would be removed; holes would be patched. We would possibly be able to apply for state or federal grants to assist with the repair. Once Riviera Club area of the levee is upgraded, river issues will hit Rocky Ripple levee. DPW may be able to provide us with a FEMA contact that we can discuss this issue with.

Westbank/Levee Meetings with Butler and Others: Mandy reported regarding the newly formed focus group of interested parties that Butler University has gathered together to discuss Westbank/flood control issues. The team included representatives from Butler University, Butler Tarkington Neighborhood Association, Midtown Indy, Mike Massone from DPW and Carla Mandy from Rocky Ripple and met to exchange info on 01-Sep-2015. Discussed various phases of what has occurred to date. Mike Massone mentioned some new things – will proceed with phase 3B2 behind Rivi by trail at “spider end of path to Rocky Ripple.” City is negotiating with the Riviera Club to take ownership of the levee from the club so that they can do maintenance on it. Rivi will maintain ownership on either side of the levee. Mandy will ask Rivi what their current position on this issue. The City is working to get the Westbank feasibility study completed by the end of September. The committee asked to see a copy; Mike Massone said he needs to present it to the mayor and DPW before sharing with the committee. Committee will hold off meeting again until this is obtained. Ben Hunter stated that they have 90 acres of land between canal and river that they would like to develop. BT reps expressed support of Rocky Ripple position on the Westbank. Mandy stated that the group agreed that the city has been looking at flood protection options in a vacuum, ie, one at a time, and that options should be reviewed together in order to make best decision. The Warleigh levee project remains on hold due to court issue with trees on levee; Friends of the White River has filed suit.

New Business:

Hohlt Park: Thanks to people that have repaired playground equipment and spruced up Hohlt park. Joe Tanasovich and Ric Ritter repaired the bouncer and made it solid. Two different park equipment experts visited and stated that park equipment is ok from safety perspective. Bouncer could use paint if we choose to keep it. We had previously received complaints from town residents regarding safety due to the large springs on the bouncer. Merry go round bolts were tightened up and Dan Axler will put up the new swings in the next two weeks. The community association has contracted with Gardens of Growth to remulch the playground.

Carla has worked with the Hohlt family to obtain a \$10,000 donation toward playground equipment, based on a proposal for updates that Mandy put together for upgrading the park through the community association. The plan contains three phases: (1) clean up for festival, remulch with engineered wood mulch, and repair equipment. This mulch only lasts 2-3 years. Phase 2 would be to replace worn equipment and would later in 2015 or 2016. It was proposed that we could purchase equipment for elsewhere in the park. More discussion to follow on this. Phase 3 would include putting down a more permanent pad or rubber mulch instead of the wood mulch in the playground area.

2015 Festival: Dhyana Raynor requested town approval to close Crown to Annette on 53rd and Sunny Meade between 52nd and 53rd. Motion made to approve by Mandy. Seconded by Jill Unanimously approved. Tyler Tree Service will chip all the branches that were trimmed. A food court behind pavilion will be established with external food vendors for first time. Broad Ripple Brewpub will be only vendor supplying beer and wine, as in previous years. Town Board needs a copy of their license and insurance documents. RRCA also needs a homeland security event notification this year, as well as a gaming commission approval for the raffle. Rocky Ripple was profiled in Angie’s List. An abbreviated version of the article is available on line. Mandy expressed a need to have Kelly Scanlan, town attorney, review the contracts signed by

the vendors to ensure that town and RRCA are covered in terms of liability. Kelly will review and provide input. Joe Tasanovich and Mike Bose will serve as security personnel in addition to Marshal Mike.

CERT/REM: Jill reported that REM will have a display table as part of the community association booth. Will start gathering resident contact info for emergencies. One of the team members has donated a 32" television to be given away in a drawing of resident names that have been submitted. A longer form has been developed that will be emailed to residents. Andy Hazel will be there with CERT info; Tamara Carr will pass out Red Cross information. The group will work to gather 10-12 people for obtaining CERT training.

ROW (Reconnect our Waterways): Dan Axler requested that the group come to a future board meeting to present what they are doing with grant money in Rocky Ripple. Mary Chalmers, City of Indianapolis Neighborhood Liaison, stated she was asked to come ask us if ROW can come present to the Town Council. She stated there have been no specific plans yet; they want our input before starting. They will attend next month's meeting.

Town Marshal Report: Marshal stated he will make his visibility known in new and unique ways on ongoing basis. Marshal Mike and Joe Tasanovich patched the bad road spot on Canal Blvd. Notices about trimming of trees have not yet been distributed. Snowplow and truck are ready for winter and we have some salt available. Break-in occurred in the middle of the day on Clarendon. Marshal reminded everyone to call 911 if they see or hear anything suspicious. No arrests in the break-in have been made.

Storm Water Rate Adjustment meeting will be held on Sept. 10th at St. Paul's Episcopal.

Motion to adjourn by Jill. Seconded by Mandy. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Mandy Redmond 21-Oct-2015
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