

Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting
November 1, 2016

Rocky Ripple Town Board Chair Carla Gaff Clark called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. Also in attendance were town board members Mandy Redmond, Jill Morris and clerk-treasurer, Kandy Kendall.

Secretary Report

Kandy reported that the minutes had been made with corrections and emailed back to the board. Jill moved the minutes be accepted with changes and Mandy seconded it. All were in favor.

Treasurer Report

Kandy reported she was unable to give a treasurer's report due to the fact Chase Bank had not issued our statement as of today, November 1. Kandy will send the treasurer's report via email to the board as soon as the October statement is available and reconciled with the executive report.

Kandy reported that she had called Court Room 18 about the case involving Ann Jansen, past clerk treasurer, because Rocky Ripple had not received a payment from Ms. Jansen for the past three months. The case is *State of Indiana v. Ann Jansen*, 49F18-0901-FD-013625. The clerk of the court reported the attorneys' general office had filed a motion for Ann to appear and state what her assets were at the current time and why she believes she is no longer responsible for her debt to the Town of Rocky Ripple. The Town is not listed on the certificate of service and therefore, Kandy asked Ms. Locke to monitor the court docket and let her know when the court date has been set.

Old Business

Levy Appeal

Carla talked to the State Board of Accounts who directed her to a memo from Department of Local Government Finance Commissioner, Courtney Schaafsam titled "Demonstrating Need in Excess Levy Appeals". Carla explained that we would like to appeal and see if we can increase our taxing levy, which is set by the State Board of Accounts. Carla indicated that the need must come from certain types of claims and it would appear Rocky Ripple's need would fall under an emergency issue. She asked the board to review the memo and see if anyone had an insight as to how we could appeal our taxing levy.

Lester Street

Carla walked Lester Street with Kurt Graef, Butler University, and identified five areas that needed to be repaired due to the heavy trucks that came into our Town while Butler built a Lacrosse Field in their south campus. Carla asked Marshal Mike what he thought of the work and Mike was not happy. Kandy stated that it appears they patched about ½ of what they destroyed. Those who voiced their concerns were in agreement that Lester Street was in perfect condition prior to the construction work by Butler and with the block only being patched, when winter

comes the cracked portions will crumble. It was also noted that where they patched to the existing street, they did not seal the seam so this too will deteriorate. It was also noted that there are still portions that were cracked and crumbling which still need to be repaired. It was suggested the street needs to be brought back to the pre-truck condition. Mike and Carla said they would look at it again.

INDOT Grant

Kandy stated the grant is done, sent back to INDOT who also signed off on it and have now sent it to the attorneys' general office. Once the attorneys' general office signs off and sends the paperwork back to INDOT, the town will receive its money. Marshal Mike reported he is having problems with Globe Paving committing to coming out and doing the work. Globe told Mike they would be doing the work when they came out to do the work on Lester Street for Butler but this did not happen. Mike has been in communication with Globe since August when the grant was approved. He is now being told it is weather dependent and Globe is not sure when they will get it done.

Carla thanked everyone who had sent in his or her pledge money to help with street paving. She said that currently twelve homes had sent in their money totaling about \$2,500.00. She reminded everyone that if they still wished to pledge, that they can and we will put this towards our grant we will be writing in 2017.

AECOM/Floodwall

Mandy talked to Jeff Bennett, City of Indianapolis Deputy Mayor, and they do not have the AECOM report yet. Jeff is disappointed it is not here yet but he will let us know as soon as he receives it.

MOA/Levee Restoration

Carla spoke with Mike Massone, DPW, today who indicated that they should be getting to the tree removal on our levee in mid November instead of the original time frame of the end of October. Massone said the delay was due to the late fall and the leaves still remaining on the trees that caused Green Arbor to be behind. The City uses Green Arbor and the estimated cost will be \$40,000.00 to remove 11-12 trees.

Carla said they have all the property owners' right of way access agreements. The stumps will not be ground down until there are 20-30. Bart Herriman asked if the stumps will be marked and Carla remarked that they would be easy to see. Mandy said the DIRT Committee will be walking the levee where the trees are coming down and keeping an eye on it. Carla suggested the DIRT Committee should meet the first of December after the trees are down to see where things are at and at that time, maybe throw some seed down.

Angela Herrmann reports

RREM/CERT

Angie said they had tried a couple times to do training events and both times it became tricky collecting money and she had therefore explored different ways to accept payments. Angie thought the best solution would be to set up with Event

Bright, which allows you to take registrations and deposit your money directly into the designated account. There is a 2% charge. If we used Event Bright, we could set up automatic payments that go to whatever account the user tells it to go to. Thus, we could use this for the artists registering for the RRCA Festival as well as RREM functions and other events. It was asked if this could be used by a government entity. Angie said she will research this and get back to the Board next month. Carla said she will also ask Felicia to look into this as well.

Kandy said she is ok with this payment option and asked Angie if she would help her set it up if it is decided to use Event Bright.

Communication RREM

RREM feels there will be times when they will need to contact the Town's people and asked if it would be acceptable for RREM to use the Town's and RRCA E-News list. Mandy hesitated because we have told people if they signed up for E-News that their email would only be used for specific purposes. However, it would be a logistical nightmare if we have more than one list. After discussion, Carla asked for a motion to give Angie access to the current E-News list for RREM notices. Jill moved that we give Angie access to the current E-News list and Mandy seconded it. All were in favor.

Town Website: Angie updated the RREM section and in the process needed to make navigational changes so it was logical. She asked the Board to go to the website and see if it is ok.

Directory: Angie and Julie Bleakley continue to work on the directory forms and noted that the RRCA is setting up a table outside the town hall on election day and they will have extra directory forms available. They are now trying to raise money to pay for the directory with the intent to have a directory for every home in town. It is believed that the last directory we had was in 2012. The deadline for advertisers is November 30th and so this will also be the last date to submit forms to be listed in the directory.

Hohlt Park Stage

Chris Wright gave a report that a volunteer committee met on Monday, October 17th to discuss the stage, where it will be and ideas of what the stage could be used for.

The committee, besides Chris Wright, consists of John Bleakley, Julie Bleakley, Dhyana Raynor, Dan Axler, Matt Keegan and Kandy Kendall.

Mandy asked if citizens around the park know of plans to build a stage. Angie said when go to get zoning they will know. Kandy suggested they put the stage model on the RRCA table on election day to let citizens know of our plan. Angie also asked if flood permits will be needed because she had to have them when she did the porch addition on her home.

Concerns were brought up about the noise and commotion of parking on the streets. It was suggested we could have a maximum decibel level restriction be put into the permit. Mandy said that when she was reviewing facility use forms, she saw a lot of the government forms gave the governing body the ability to shut down events if the rules were not followed.

It was decided that once we have concrete ideas of how, what, and when the stage will be used, we will invite the neighbors to come and discuss the stage idea with the Board.

RREM

Jill reported she had nothing to report.

RRCA

Mandy reported the RRCA will have a table outside the town hall on election day for citizens to sign up for the directory. It was suggested we have a sign up sheet for those who currently do not receive the E-News letter but wish to do so.

Mandy reported the Festival brought in approximately \$6000.00 and that the RRCA pledged to keep the money in the RRCA account to be used for construction of the stage project. Dhyana asked if Pedal in the Park had sent in their fee and it was reported they had not.

Marshal Mike

Mike and Carla had been in discussion to have Mike carry Narcan, used to treat overdoses. Carla had called the pharmacy and it cost \$28. Mike will carry Narcan with him. It was asked if we have a drug problem in Town. Mike reported that just this morning there was a DOA on Sunnymeade due to an overdose.

Mike has put in a grant for a new bulletproof vest. The vests should be replaced every four to five years and he has had the same vest for eight years. The cost of a new vest is \$1000.00 and the grant will cover up to \$400.00.

Gutters on town hall. Mike said he will blow them out & then put a flex tube running to the west of the building as a temporary fix. Kandy had sent a picture of a cistern from the park in Cottage Homes as a way to collect the rain from the gutter instead of it going into the front porch area. It was decided this would not be practical.

Kandy then suggested we do a rain garden such as the City of Indianapolis has near the City County Building. Jill suggested we could do the rain garden in honor of Ann Wickham. Angie and Kandy will work on this idea and report back to the Board. In the meantime, we need to stop the water issue so Mike will attach a flex tube to the downspout. Mike suggested we wait until we have the rain garden idea worked out before having Jon Stohler come in and dig 8-12" of packed gravel from the parking lot.

Community Concerns

Butler Noise:

Angie had complaints about the noise from Butler, especially the nighttime activities at Butler Bowl. She said the noise doesn't stop at 2200 and she thinks it is in violation of the decibel level and time allowed according to City of Indianapolis' ordinances. She stated that she did call when it was happening and not one person called her back.

Mandy suggested we have Butler come back to one of our meetings and talk about some of the concerns/issues we as citizens of Rocky Ripple have with Butler.

Canal Trees:

Dhyana said that the trees on Canal Boulevard by Sue Grizzell's property is terribly low and hanging over the street. Marshal Mike said he talked to the garbage man and they said they are ok with low branches. Mike said Citizens Energy owns 25 feet in each direction from Canal Boulevard so he will talk to them and see if they will do some trimming.

Mandy asked about the area near the bridges and noted that we also need to talk to Citizens Energy about mowing and tree trimming in this area as well.

Whit asked if he could scan the old plat map in the back of the hall. Dan Axler said he is afraid the map is stuck to the glass and is too fragile to remove. Jill asked if the company Whit has asked to take the photo has insurance. Whit said he will talk to the company and gather information to share at the next meeting.

With no further business, Mandy moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:49. Jill seconded it. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted
Kandy Kendall
Clerk Treasurer