

**TOWN OF ROCKY RIPPLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF 09-JUN-2015**

Town Council Members/Support personnel in attendance were:

Carla Gaff-Clark
Mandy Redmond
Mike Kiefer

Carla called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Meeting agenda was distributed.

It was noted that first order of business would be to review the request to hold a festival in Hohlt park requested by Brittany Chevron of the Red Tent Workshop. The Red Tent group will be holding a workshop at White Pine Academy and they would like to follow it with a festival at Hohlt Park from 2-6 pm on 02-Aug-2015. The group will want to have music artists playing, as well as 10-15 vendors. They expect attendance to be approximately 75 to 150 people. They are not sure whether they would be selling food. No alcohol would be involved. It was decided that the group would have to provide insurance for their event and provide a certificate of such to the town. Town Council agreed that a \$200 fee for the rental of the park would be applicable. Group will gather additional info and get back to Town Council with finalization of plan and whether they want to do it.

Mandy presented May meeting minutes and May financial report for approval. Mandy stated that we are still playing catch-up on bills that had not been paid for 2014 and 2015. Mandy made a motion to accept financial report; Carla seconded. Carla reviewed meeting minutes from previous meeting and accepted them as written. Mandy made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Carla seconded.

Mandy stated that we had to reapply for our Lowe's credit card that Mike uses for miscellaneous items; they will let us know in 7-10 days if it is approved. Taxes: still catching up on withholding taxes. Mandy obtained estimates from two payroll processing services that would process Mike Kiefer's salary, as well as all associated withholding and forms that need to be completed. Estimates were obtained from ADP and PayChex. The PayChex was slightly less. Cost will be \$51 per month per payroll period processed. With PayChex, up to five employees are covered with this amount. ADP charges per employee. Mandy made a motion to go with PayChex for this service. Carla seconded. Town Councilors agreed that this service could be suspended if we get a clerk/treasurer that would process these payments and related forms.

With regard to State sales tax, we have been receiving demands for payment, but the town does not owe any sales tax. Carla has had additional phone correspondence with the State Sales Tax department, explaining that we do not owe anything. It was agreed that if the amount due is not zero'd out, we should send written correspondence to the State regarding this matter.

Carla introduced Kelly Scanlon, our newly appointed lawyer for the town of Rocky Ripple. Kelly specializes in medical malpractice, but has an interest in local politics. Her sister lives in

Rocky Ripple and she has had family ties in the neighborhood for many years. Kelly will review our nepotism policy draft that we have initiated and want to make effective. There are currently no other legal issues currently pending that Kelly will have to deal with. Town Council thanked Kelly for taking on this responsibility.

Old Business

Sewer Installations in Rocky Ripple: The City of Indianapolis last visited Rocky Ripple to discuss sewer installations approximately 18 months ago. Per Carla's recent discussion with DPW, we are now slated to have sewers installed in late June 2016 and the city will send a representative to talk to Rocky Ripple residents in fall 2015. Last time they were in, they stated they would need to dig up one side of each road. Sewers are a separate issue and project from storm water management. Storm water management is not being addressed. The current city sewer coordinator is leaving in June, so Carla will coordinate with this person's replacement to confirm attendance at an upcoming town board meeting. Carla will also call the storm water representative to ask someone to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the storm water rate increases that will occur in the fall and to explain the benefit Rocky Ripple receives from these fees/initiatives.

Bush Hog/Town Mower Updates: Per Mike Kiefer, red mower is up and running. Brush cutter is working as well. This can be used to clear vegetation on the levee. Tractor ignition was replaced; starter still needs to be replaced. Need to decide if it is useful to repair tractor as we do not use it for anything regularly. Bush hog is handy for trimming back overgrown lots, so this is worthwhile to have repaired. We would like to offer the equipment for individuals to repair their parts of the levee. A waiver of liability will need to be created and signed by the individuals in order to do this. We could also again utilize volunteers to mow some of the smaller parks. We will see how this works out before cancelling our current mowing services.

Levee Committees Updates: Publicity/research committee has not yet had a second meeting. Mandy will coordinate this in next 2 months. City has no updates on Westbank feasibility study to report. Carla has list of names for levee repair/dirt committee. They will determine when a meeting to walk the levee and identify problematic areas will be held. Low spots will be able to be repaired quickly as Adam Garvey has dirt and seeding that can be used.

Mandy and Carla have a meeting scheduled with Butler University to discuss what they are willing to do to assist us with levee/Westbank Alignment issues on June 19th. Booty cycle run will occur Jun 26th at 7 pm to 7 pm on Saturday. Residents will need to exit on 52nd street and enter on 53rd street. M. Kiefer will monitor situation to ensure RR residents can get in and out of the neighborhood.

Community Concerns: Question regarding overhead streetlights and who to call if they are out. They should call IPL. Road repairs on 53rd street by Hohlt Park were requested. Town has a request in with Jon Stohler to patch this. Megan Wright has noticed that there are cars pulling into Hohlt Park late at night. M. Kiefer advised her to call 911 and report a suspicious vehicle so it can be investigated quickly. A resident complained about the portable trash dumpster on Clarendon, which has been there for a long time period. M. Kiefer will investigate. Additional

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road patching was requested by Byram. Carla advised that the holes need to be prioritized and this will be added to the list.

Mollie Trueblood from Butler Urban Ecology department was present and wanted to let us know that construction of an art project in Holcomb Gardens will start in the next few weeks and invited neighbors to view it; she will send photos to include in our neighborhood e-news.

Marshal's Report: M. Kiefer thanked Mike Bose for replacing wiring on light post and will work to do grounding work in Hohlt Park. Will charge for materials only. Park Pavilion was vandalized; Mike will attempt to remove with acetone and we will need someone to sand down tables and restrain them. Overhead lights have writing around each one that Mike will clean up. Park wing sets need seats replaced; Mandy stated that she will bring this up at community association meeting. We need volunteers to coordinate getting estimates on these repairs. Mike requested permission to purchase fire extinguisher for garage. Permission granted to purchase two.

Councilors expressed their gratitude for the good number of residents present, as their input and support is critical. Motion made by Mandy to end meeting; seconded by Carla. Carla thanked everyone for being at the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by


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