

Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting
April 10, 2018

Rocky Ripple Town Board Chair Carla Gaff Clark called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Town board members Mandy Redmond and Jill Morris were in attendance as well as clerk-treasurer Kandy Kendall.

Secretary Report

Jill made a motion to accept the secretary's report. Carla seconded it. Kandy indicated she had received another mowing quote from White River Lawn Care that was \$30 less per mow than what we paid last season. After discussion, Mandy moved we award White River Lawn Care our mowing contract and Jill seconded it. All were in favor.

Kandy also reported she met with Dana Donahue, Lake City Bank, and gave her the paperwork required to apply for a Town credit card. Ms. Donahue indicated the Town would hear back in four to six weeks.

Treasurer Report

The treasurer report was given indicating we had no outstanding charges in March. Jill made a motion the treasurer's report be accepted and Mandy seconded. All were in favor.

Old Business

Senate Bill 386

Carla stated there was a ceremonial signing of Senate Bill 386, which established a TIF flood district, by Governor Holcomb last week. The money from the TIF flood district will be one of several ways to finance the flood wall in Rocky Ripple.

Tree Removal

Two areas were addressed for tree removal on Town property; one on John Byrne's property and two trees on Whit Overstreet's property. Carla indicated this now finishes the old MOU that the Town had with DPW to remove trees and stabilize the levee. Carla hopes the removal helps to stabilize the existing levee.

Flood Control update, AECOM

Mandy indicated at the ceremonial signing of SB 386 with Governor Holcomb, Mike Massonne from DPW stated he would come to Rocky Ripple in May. This will be to discuss the work on the Westfield Flood Wall alignment project and to also let the Town know when DPW will be back to discuss the flood wall project in Rocky Ripple. The Board believes this will be June. Mandy tried to confirm with DPW when they will be at our town board meeting but has not heard back.

Carla said the proposals remain the same; an updated earthen levee, a T wall, or some combination. One plan still shows the levee turning up along 51st Street. There may still be a few homes that may have to be destroyed or left unprotected. The City is still trying to save all of the homes. Simply, there are houses that may cost too much to be saved. Questions that need to be answered include do you buy home owners out, do you move their homes and what is the projects' responsibility.

Dan Axler asked if there will be access to the river, once the project is completed. Carla said AECOM thinks there are a few empty lots that could be bought to allow access to the river.

Some houses cost too much to save – do you buy them out or move them and what is the projects' responsibility. DPW is also coordinating with the State and ensuring they can get permits from DNR. This is being looked at closely because of the river hydraulics.

Hohlt Park

Discussion was held as to what the Town will be doing to celebrate Mabel Hohlt and the commemorative plaque that will be placed in the pavilion. John Bleakley is installing the plaque. Carla and Marshal Mike will talk to John to see what his time line is. Carla asked about the progress on the stage and Marshal Mike indicated John is still trying to get permits.

Street Grant

Mandy and the Rocky Ripple Community Association have not heard back on the grant application they submitted to pave Canal Boulevard. Mandy did not think decisions had been made due to the Indianapolis pot hole problem.

Carla and Mandy met with Citizens Energy (CE) and they indicated Canal Boulevard and the land it is on belongs to Rocky Ripple. Carla and CE walked Canal Boulevard and studied the sunken portions of the street. It was suggested that CE needs to take out the stone along the canal bank and then place rip rap for stabilization. Once this is done, Rocky Ripple hopefully will get the grant and can start repairs to the street. It was also suggested we might want to put a weight limit on Canal Boulevard.

Finally, Mandy reported the pink flags along the canal path are to set up measurements to see if CE needs to dredge and pump out silt.

Sewer Installation

CE stated that sewers will come to Rocky Ripple after the levee's built. The current projected date is 2024. We are definitely still on the list for grinder pump installations. CE will come to Rocky Ripple Town Board meeting in September to discuss the septic tank elimination program (STEP).

Lights

There is a free program thru IPL for not for profits to replace fluorescent lights with LED lights. Mike Bose will offer his trade to change them and Dan Axler will assist him. Mandy made a motion to accept the free lights and Jill seconded it. All were in favor. Dan will call up the representative to receive the lights at the hall.

New Business

Peace Park

A discussion was held as to using solar lights to display the flag. Some felt the illumination was not strong enough. Mandy will ask Paul Redmond to do a control study and turn the light off and then see how the solar light illuminates the flag and if there are any comments.

Community Updates

RREM

Jill reported there was no meeting this month. Matt Dodson is reviewing the evacuation plan. Marshal Mike stated on April 18 at 1:00 pm they will test the horn at the town hall.

RRCA

Mandy said they received thousands of eggs this year as well as thirty some cakes. It was the best year yet.

There will be a Town wide garage sale June 2nd.

The Art Festival is scheduled for the fourth Saturday in September.

Cathy Cancilla asked the RRCA if the port o let could be moved since she has had a view of it for all these years. A discussion was held.

Marshal Report

Mike Bose has installed a motion detector light at Hohlt Park pavilion.

The Town's insurance bill has come in. Mike indicated everything is covered with some increases in price. Mike will send the quote back in and the Town will be billed accordingly.

Carla said the bridges will both be closed separately this summer for two weeks at a time due to the Westfield flood wall alignment project.

Marshal Mike said the Town sign at 53rd should be temporarily removed because of the construction going on for the Westfield flood wall. The Town's signs are redwood and cannot be replaced anymore due to cost.

Community Concern

Dan Axler: Residency assessed value went up \$54000 based on nothing, as he sees it. Carla said theirs also went up. Mandy said their assessed value remained the same but the taxes went up.

Rachael Wuelrich

Sunny Meade Lane would like to hold a block party on Mother's Day and block the street's end on 52nd from 10-5. Currently she has reached out to 7 of the 10 homes and all are in agreement this is a great idea. They will have music and games. Marshal Mike had already been approached about this and he has no objections. The Town will provide barricades to block off the end at 52nd Street. Mandy offered to put it in the E-News if the block wished to invite other neighbors

With no further business, Jill moved the meeting be adjourned and Mandy seconded it. Carla called the meeting adjourned at 8:49.

Respectfully submitted,

Kandy Kendall
Clerk Treasurer