

Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting
May 8, 2018

Rocky Ripple Town Board Chair Carla Gaff Clark called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Town board members Mandy Redmond and Jill Morris were in attendance as well as clerk-treasurer Kandy Kendall.

Secretary Report

Mandy made a motion the secretary report be accepted with corrections. Jill seconded and all were in favor.

Treasurer Report

Kandy noted that we paid the \$6404.00 annual insurance premium this month. There were no other unusual bills. It was also noted that the bank had charged a monthly \$15.00 fee. Kandy had called the bank and this was an error which will be reimbursed in June. Kandy indicated the snowplowing cost of \$10 paid to Russell Scott had been canceled by the bank since he had not cashed the check within three months. Kandy asked Marshal Mike to check with Mr. Scott about this. Jill moved the treasurer's report be accepted and Mandy seconded it. All were in favor. Kandy is still working on the town's charge card thru Lake City Bank. At this point, they are requesting the Town's charter from 1917. Kandy had contacted the Assessor's Office which may have it on microfiche but since there is no calendar listing of the microfiche, it might take hours to find. Kandy will contact the State Library and see if they have access to the charter.

Old Business

Canal Flood Control Project Update

Mike Massonne from the Department of Public Works (DPW) gave the update concerning the project. He said there had been a delay due to utility relocation. They are now grinding the stumps out of Holcolmb Garden and still need to take the honeysuckle out. Butler likes the openness and may consider re-evaluating their initial plan for the area, Massone said. The flood wall will have a stacked limestone face on it to cover the steel sheet piling, which will go down 15' to 30'. They are still waiting on a part for the flood gate. The flood gate will cross the canal at Capitol Street. DPW will have a rendering of the canal flood gate available next week at the Butler Tarkington Neighborhood Association meeting and Rocky Ripple's town board meeting in June. The final work will start in July and finish in July 2019; allowing them to move towards accreditation. The Westfield Flood Wall Alignment for the first 700' wall will have a 4' tall folding flood wall which lays flat until a flood occurs. Beyond that near 53rd street, the wall will look like the wall that is atop the Warleigh levee. The Westfield wall will be nearly invisible in spots to 4' tall at the most and will look like stacked limestone.

More of the small brush along Westfield Boulevard will still be removed. At the current time, they have removed all the diameter brush to allow the equipment to come and are leaving existing trees 4" in diameter untouched. After the flood wall is completed, the City will come back with parks' operations to decide what to plant beyond the 15' zone. There will be a walking path within the 15' zone next to the wall. On the canal side there will be no more vegetation removed.

Massonne thanked the Board for all their efforts in helping to get SB386 passed. The City will use SB386 to finance the project in Rocky Ripple by establishing a flood district in Warfleigh, Broad Ripple, and Rocky Ripple. In the future, the City hopes to also use SB386 to provide flood protection to Mars Hill.

Rocky Ripple Flood Wall

Massonne indicated the Rocky Ripple Flood Wall is in draft form at this point. DPW has issued comments and it is back in AECOM hands. Massonne believes he will have it ready for a June presentation for the residents of Rocky Ripple. First, he needs to get draft copies to Butler University officials and the Rocky Ripple trustees. The City remains completely committed to the project. Massonne referred to the core borings which showed the bedrock to be shallow, 15' in some places, which gives the ability to drive sheet piling into the bedrock and not stick out like the Warfleigh project.

There are four options and DPW hopes to get a project chosen by the end of 2018.

Hohlt Park

Plaque: John Bleakley indicated he simply forgot about it over the winter but now that it is spring, he will take care of it the week of May 20th. It will be set in the stonework near the middle top of the pavilion. Carla will talk with the Hohlt's to see when they can meet for a dedication ceremony.

Stage: John has been back in touch with the zoning people. Although he at one time thought a stage was a good thing to build in the park, he now believes we should not do it and continue to rent a stage for the Art Festival. One of the requirements from the zoning people is that the drawings need to be approved by an architectural engineer. Again, it was suggested to contact Martin Truesdale to see if he would sign off. For now, it appears this has been put on a hold.

Street Grants

Mandy said she has heard nothing on the street grant the Community Association applied for. The INDOT grant has not been made available. Marshal Mike asked the Board what roads need to be done. Kandy said in the past the grant was usually due July 5th.

Free Lights

Kandy reported on behalf of Dan Axler that the lights are now in the garage ready to be installed. Mike Bose will show Marshal Mike & Dan how to install them since at this point, Mike Bose is too busy to do it.

New Business

Peace Park

Mandy reported the light has been off since the last Board meeting and she received no comments about the solar illumination, although it seems to be a bit less illuminated. Jill made a motion to turn the lights off for 6 months. Mandy seconded it and all approved.

Committee updates:

Rocky Ripple Community Association. Town wide garage sale is set for June 2. The RRCA will pay for the advertising. There will not be a community table this year.

RREM Jill reported they postponed their meeting until June 17th . Marshal Mike said they did check the townhall horn and it still works.

Marshal's Report

Mecca is switching over. They will supply the radio but Mike's current laptop will not work. He needs to update to Windows Pro and will have to run thru a static IP. He will need to change to Verizon from our current T-Mobile account. The air card for the laptop WIFI hook up will be about \$29.00 . He is scheduled for the end of May to change over.

Community Concerns

A citizen's complaint was made concerning the rooster on the canal. Marshal Mike will check into it.

With no further business, Jill moved the meeting be adjourned and Mandy seconded it. Carla called the meeting adjourned at 8:52.

Respectfully submitted,

Kandy Kendall
Clerk Treasurer