

Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting
09-Oct-2018

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

Secretary Report

Minutes for September Town Council meeting were provided by secretary Kandy Kendall prior to the meeting. Corrections had been requested by email and incorporated. No further changes requested. Mandy made a motion to accept the secretary report. Jill seconded it. All were in favor.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer report for September was provided by secretary/treasurer Kandy Kendall prior to the meeting. Report was reviewed by town councilors. No changes/questions noted. Mandy made a motion to accept the secretary report. Jill seconded it. All were in favor.

Old Business

Flood Protection

A new flood protection survey specific to the recommended Option 3 proposed by the City of Indianapolis DPW was created and distributed to all Rocky Ripple residences by town council members over the weekend of 05-08 October with a due date for return of 26-Oct-2018 by 5 pm. Survey instructions stated that if resident views on flood protection have already been made known to town council from previous survey completed, the new survey does not have to be completed in addition to the previous one. As the surveys are not due until 26-Oct, Jill made a motion to move the vote for whether the option 3 is supported by Rocky Ripple Town Council to the 13-Nov-2018 RR town council meeting. Mandy made a motion to accept. Jill seconded it. All were in favor.

Residents present began asking questions and stating opinions on flood protection option 3. Carla requested that this discussion be held until resident concerns. A resident asked if zoning could be changed by the RR town council such that no commercial builders could build apartments or other large buildings in Rocky Ripple. Carla stated that Rocky Ripple is zoned for single family dwellings, except for one block on Sunny Meade, which is zoned commercial. Unigov is in charge of zoning and any changes to the current zoning would have to go through the city/county zoning commission for approval and residents would have to be notified of the application for the zoning variance. Town attorney Matt will research whether there is anything that can be added to town ordinances that would address this.

Street Paving/INDOT grant

Town Manager Mike wrote and submitted the INDOT grant last month for paving of the streets most in need of repair based on prioritization with available funds. We should hear in November whether we received the grant.

\$3K was spent to repair Canal Blvd through town funds via Globe Paving. Rest of patching completed recently in the neighborhood was performed by a volunteer who does not want payment for doing it. Thanks to this volunteer was made by town councilors and residents present agreed and a round of applause was made.

Peace Park Lights

Councilor Jill stated that the solar lights in Peace Park are not bright enough to illuminate the flag in Peace Park. She made a motion to turn the electricity back on so that the flag could be better illuminated. Motion was seconded by Mandy and all approved.

Town Marshal Contract

Marshal Mike's contract that has been marked with changes by Jill still needs to be reviewed by Carla and Mandy, who should send all remaining changes to Kandy for finalization so that the contract can be in effect on 01-Jan-2019.

New Business

It was mentioned that precinct voting will occur at the town hall on Election Day (06-Nov); Carla to check what is needed to ensure that the voting machines get dropped off and set up and the town hall opened in time for voting at 6 am on Election Day.

Mandy noted that she had complaints from residents and experienced herself the large number of speeders going to Butler fields while she was distributing flood protection surveys. Marshal Mike will call Butler Univ police to ask them to patrol this area more.

Committee Updates

RRCA:

Festival: Dhyana Raynor stated the September 22 festival was the best one yet in terms of attendance. Mandy stated that the parks endowment fund now has over \$107,000 in it, thanks largely to the festival efforts. All present recognized Dhyana for coordinating this event once again. Planning for next year's festival starts in Jan.

Holiday Bazaar is Dec 1st. Vendor tables are filling fast. Contact coordinator Nancy Barton to reserve.

RREM:

Jill reported that the Rocky Ripple Emergency Evacuation Plan is online and RREM is working on dates for related training and other events.

Marshal/Town Manager Report

Marshal Mike noted that there was a disturbance in the 5100 block of Riverview, but no arrests were made. Other than that, there was no police activity to report. Marshal Mike noted that the town truck will need to be serviced. It is a 1999 model and is leaking oil (possibly hydraulic oil?). Mandy made a motion to allow for up to \$3000 to be spent on truck repairs. Jill seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mandy noted that we have a new routine renter of town hall facilities – Master Mike's Taekwondo will meet at town hall on most Saturdays from 9 – 11 am. The sessions are open to the public, all ages and can be paid per session without a contract. In agreement for a reduced rental fee of \$30 per session, the Taekwondo group will clean the town hall floor before each session using town provided cleaning supplies. Mandy noted that cleaning supplies need to be purchased for this and that she would purchase them. She also stated she would deep clean kitchen and kitchen floor with the supplies purchased to make the town hall more presentable. Jill made a motion that up to \$150 be spent for cleaning supplies. Motion was seconded by Mandy. All were in favor.

Community Concerns

The following comments/concerns from residents that pertained to the flood wall project were discussed. Carla stated that there is some inaccurate info out there. Residents should ask the board to get the correct info.

1. Resident Carol Morotti stated that floodwall will bring heavy equipment into the neighborhood and on people's property; this could damage property and septic fields. Town Council to address this with DPW during upcoming project meetings. Town Council noted that they will do most work from river side. It was noted that during the removal of trees on the levee during the past year contractors hired were, in general, very careful of people's property and had insurance to cover any damage.
2. Carol also noted that the hydrologic study after the Westfield Blvd alignment is completed will need to be done, but that the project has to be accredited by FEMA first. Our levee hydrologic study will follow after that. Why can't the hydrologic studies be completed beforehand? Carla to ask Mike Massonne, DPW project coordinator.
3. Will there be public access points after construction of the Option 3 floodwall? Carla stated we will retain current public access points and there will be an earthen levee in these spots or openings in wall at these points. We will encourage people to use the access point at the town hall.
4. Resident Amy Rickleff thanked Town Council for distributing latest flood protection survey and wants to know the numbers from the surveys? How will voting be handled? Town Council explained that survey results will be tallied and shared as have the previous survey results. There is no vote – the surveys are another mechanism to gather town opinions/concerns on the flood protection initiative.
5. Resident Ashley Crofoot stated that she is new and not up on town stuff, but requested transparency on the flood protection surveys and initiative.
6. Resident Megan Hulland asked about funding sources for Option 3. Town Council noted that they will obtain a definitive write-up on how the funding works from the city and share this with RR residents.
7. Resident Katie Glass expressed that she and her husband have a web company that has detailed knowledge of tallying survey results. Katie offered to provide this service for the surveys recently distributed. Town Council agreed that special counting session would be set up and that Katie would develop charts and graphs of results in aggregate, which would then be distributed to residents upon completion.
8. Resident Katherine Wright expressed concern about maintaining confidentiality for flood protection survey responses. Town Council assured her that any info that could identify individual respondents would not be shared.

With no further business, Mandy moved the meeting be adjourned and Jill seconded it. Carla called the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Redmond
Town Councilor