

Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting
August 13, 2024

Rocky Ripple Town Board member, Randy Sanders, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Town board members Rachel Hunter, Randy Sanders and Megan Hulland were present. Julie Smith, clerk treasurer, Mike Kiefer, town marshal and Sarah Guffey, town attorney, were present.

Welcome Community!

Town board member, Randy Sanders, welcomed and thanked those who were present at town hall as well as those who are joining us for tonight's meeting via Zoom.

Donut Dash 5k – Special guest Todd Oliver of Carmel Roadracer Event Management joined the meeting to discuss the upcoming 5k slated to take place in and around Rocky Ripple on September 7th at 7:05PM. Todd discussed the team's partnership with Jack's Donuts, the new course map and outlined the planned IMPD support for the event. Todd also answered questions the Board had related to road closures and water stations. Todd let residents know that disruptions should be limited and restricted to a 40-minute window. He also invited interested residents to attend the after-race festivities or contact him for a free code for entering the race

Clerk Treasurer Reports

2025 Budget Planning – The Board met for the second 2025 budget meeting this evening. Julie received preliminary budgets for 2025, which seem to be more conservative relative to 2024 budgets. Julie will be posting a notice with the 2025 budget by August 30th and a hearing for the budget will take place at the September Board Meeting on September 10th. Adoption of the 2025 is slated for October.

Minutes – July minutes were presented with no changes, save for a few spacing deletions. Rachel made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Megan seconded. All were in favor, motion unanimously passed.

Treasurer Report for July 2024 – No non-routine expenses for the month. Julie confirmed that 2015 Directive allocation of \$1800 had not yet been moved to General Fund but would be done before the next meeting. Megan asked about the status of Tae Kwon Do repayments; outstanding are still unpaid. Randy followed-up with Master Mike and gave him a deadline of Monday, October 7th to pay the balance owed. Marshal Mike will let Julie know when the Community Crossings Grant (CCG) money is available for deposit and will coordinate payment from Butler for cost sharing of \$6,750.00 for Lester Street paving. Ending bank balance for 7/31/2024 was \$108,209.27. Rachel motioned to accept the Treasurer's report and Megan seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion unanimously passed.

Search for Clerk-Treasurer – The town continues to search for a new Clerk-Treasurer; two individuals remain interested. Julie is going to look at her calendar and share some dates for availability so the Board can meet with remaining interested candidates. The Board reminded residents to continue to spread the word about Clerk-Treasurer vacancy in case anyone else is interested.

Old Business

Rocky Ripple Flood Protection: DPW Updates, ILA – Megan shared an update from Shannon Killion, Stormwater Administrator at DPW. Shannon mentioned via email that DPW is working on answering residents' questions and aims to send responses back next week. Shannon also felt that these responses may replace the need for live individual meetings with residents. Residents in attendance at the Board meeting felt differently and asked the Board to continue to push for answers. A resident also asked the Board to clarify how reestablishment on properties would work for those who had homes slated to be torn down but would be permitted to rebuild after project completion; the resident was interested in a specific timeline. Megan will circle back with Shannon

and will also reach out to John Barth, District Seven Representative, to give him an update. Megan will also clarify whether or not the Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) has been submitted to FEMA at this point as DPW intended.

CEG STEP Program Update – Restoration following sewer installation is now complete; this agenda topic will be removed for next month's Board meeting. Randy shared that approximately 80% of the neighborhood chose to participate in STEP.

Speeding Cars in Rocky Ripple/Related Safety Concerns – The Board met with Michael Lofton of Butler University on 7/19 to discuss speeding cars and other topics. Michael indicated that Office Matthew Grimes of Butler University would be a good point of contact regarding speed humps and traffic concerns. Several residents expressed frustration over Butler field summer camp and after school program traffic. If the Board cannot get traction on this issue with Michael, they will reach out to other points of contact at Butler for help.

INDOT ADA and Title 6 Compliance Plan – A big thank you to Rachel for reformatting the ordinances so they are more user friendly and for correcting spelling errors. Megan added draft Title 6 and ADA ordinance language and proposed sharing the updates with Sarah to confirm we are meeting our obligation.

Town Manager/Marshal's Report – A domestic disturbance was noted on 7/24. On 8/8, vandalism in Hohlt Park was reported; a vehicle had driven through the park and left several ruts in the grass. Later in the morning on 8/8, a possible stolen vehicle was reported and a stolen Bobcat from Butler was located. The Bobcat theft remains an ongoing investigation by Butler Police. Paving was completed last week. Marshal Mike mentioned that some signs have been stolen and he needs to paint and reinstall signage around the speed bumps on Lester St. Randy made a motion for the Marshal to spend up to \$500 on paint and supplies for sign installations. Rachel seconded; motion passed.

Community Association Updates – Rocky Ripple Festival shirts are in; pickup is available from 10:00am-12:00pm on 9/7 in Hohlt Park. There are still spots available for interested volunteers for the Festival. The next clothing swap will take place on 8/25. Randy has been exploring partnerships with Butler University to broaden the scope of the clothing swap to adult clothes in addition to children's clothes. A contact at Versiti reached out to Randy to see if Rocky Ripple would be interested in hosting a blood drive event. Residents expressed interest and Randy will explore further. 8/14 there will be plein air painting in the park at 6:00pm. 9/9 there will be a Rocky Ripple Emergency Management (RREM) meeting from 7:30pm-8:30pm at Town Hall where a resident will be helping to lead attendees through CPR. 9/14 Hohlt Park cleanup in preparation for the Festival. New mulch was delivered and trees were trimmed back. RRCA is looking for gently used disc golf goals to purchase.

New Business

Community Concerns

A resident asked about water quality and taste; Megan mentioned that she could likely get a kit to test her water from Marion County Health Department. Randy shared a message the Board had received about cat overpopulation on a specific property. Marshal Mike mentioned he had attempted to contact the property owner. There are several resources within the community, including Indy Feral, who might be able to help with fixing and spaying if the cat problem is declared a colony.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Hullah