

Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting
June 10, 2025

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

Frank's Livery

Peter Bloomquist, Owner of Frank's Paddlesports Livery, came to the board meeting to give residents an update on the paddle sports business. Lisa Milton, Vice President of Friends of the White River and Daniel Woody, General Manager at Frank's Paddlesports Livery, were also in attendance. Peter shared that 5000-6000 people have been on the river with Frank's since they opened two years ago. Peter explained Frank's focus on safety and mentioned that he and all guides maintain CPR and first aid training. The team is working on tightening safety guidance and filling any gaps. In the two years of operation, there have only been six incidents. Peter offered to do throwbag/rescue demonstrations at an upcoming Rocky Ripple community event. Frank's wants to be a good partner to Rocky Ripple and has offered to help with road patching and ramp maintenance as needed.

Clerk Treasurer Reports

Minutes – May minutes were presented with no changes. Rachel made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Megan seconded. All were in favor, motion unanimously passed.

Treasurer Report for May 2025 – Expenses for May were presented. Mowing services were paid three times throughout the month. A final snowplow charge was paid for \$237.50 and a single tire needed to be replaced on the police car for \$164.16. Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) check was received for \$42,141.15. Taekwondo rental payments up to date but are \$40 short; Master Mike has until July 1st to pay off his remaining balance. The Rocky Ripple Community Association (RRCA) donation was received for \$6,000. Ending bank balance was \$152,342.80. Rachel made a motion to accept the financial reports as written and Megan seconded. All were in favor, motion unanimously passed.

Old Business

Rocky Ripple Flood Protection: DPW Updates, ILA – No updates this month; Randy emailed Shannon Killion, DPW Stormwater Administrator, to inquire about CLOMR status. She mentioned that comments from DPW were sent back to FEMA at the end of May and she will forward along to the board soon.

Speeding Cars in Rocky Ripple/Related Safety Concerns – Summer traffic to the Butler University Athletic fields continues to be a frustration for residents. It seems that some soccer camps follow traffic calming protocols while others do not. Randy proposed his own protocol to slow down the rate of speed in the neighborhood; this would require turning Lester St. and Clarendon Ave. into one-way streets moving traffic in and out of the fields.

The board will be meeting with Butler representatives again later this summer. Residents are understandably annoyed, as many discussions with Butler have not yielded resolution. Randy reminded residents that the town is working on hashing out a more formal agreement with our new Butler contact, Karissa Hulse, and that we are hopeful that we will have some traction moving forward.

Town Manager/Marshal's Report – On June 7th, an arson was reported. A tree limb fell on the levee behind a property on Ripple Road; the board discussed whether or not to remove the fallen limbs. Ultimately, the board decided to request quotes from two tree removal companies. Randy made a motion to allocate up to \$900 for limb removal; Rachel seconded. All in favor; motion passed. CCMG paving is now complete; Marshal Mike is not happy with how the speed humps turned out, as they are gentler than before. These humps will be painted on Thursday and the project will then be complete.

Community Association Updates – Residents continue to look into grants in an effort to get new first responder suppliers. The town would like to replace items in the first aid kit and also use grant money to pay for new AED parts. Marshal Mike suggested that a generator could also be a good addition to the list. Marshal Mike mentioned that he is going to start going around the neighborhood to remind residents to trim back vegetation that might be encroaching on the road/covering signs. A resident asked about tree branches over power lines and Randy reminded her that that sort of trimming is the responsibility of AES. RRCA has a full board and volunteer festival roles are being filled as well. Josh Tafflinger has been engaged by RRCA to do more maintenance and trimming in Hohlt Park. INRC grant is all wrapped up; Rachel still needs to confirm a few things related to fitness equipment installation. Rachel is working on updating the Rocky Ripple directory; residents should have received a flyer to update their information but can also submit information online. The directory will be printed; no digital version will be available for privacy reasons. Planning for summer concerts in the park and clothing/art supplies swaps is underway. Rachel presented a proposal for reduced cost use of the town hall. Specifically, RRCA would like to recommend accommodation for Rocky Ripple residents who wish to use the town hall for non-profit youth meetings. Interested groups will also be responsible for doing an annual community project and will pay a fee of \$100 a year. The board offered available windows on most weeknights and proposed a “two strike” policy for not properly cleaning up and for two meetings a month, maximum.

New Business

None

Community Concerns

A resident raised a question about dogs walking the neighborhood off leash; Marshal Mike reminded everyone that a leash law is in effect. Randy mentioned that the board will send out a reminder in an upcoming newsletter. Another resident had a question about a blocked fire hydrant due to recent tree removal and was referred to AES to report.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Hullah