

Rocky Ripple Town Council Meeting  
August 12, 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.

**Butler University Update**

Karissa Hulse, Director of Campus and Community Development, and Emily Plunkett, Indy Bikeshare Outreach & Communications, attended the board meeting. Karissa mentioned that students would be moving back on campus this week and next week. Homecoming is the weekend of September, 27<sup>th</sup>, the same weekend as the Rocky Ripple festival. Karissa offered to share the free movie list at Schrott Center for the Arts. Emily Plunkett shared an update on new bikeshare docking stations on and around the Butler campus. The "Indy Rides Free" program offers free 30-minute rides to local residents either through the website [IndyRides Free - Pacers Bikeshare](#) or the app BCycle. There are 53 stations around the city. Bike docking installation at Butler will begin next week and will be ready for use the week of August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Clerk Treasurer Reports**

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

**Treasurer Report for July 2025** – Expenses for July were presented. Rental income was down for the month of July. Rachel made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Megan seconded.

**2026 Budget Planning** – Mary had her first meeting with Sam VanderVeen at the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) on July 21<sup>st</sup> to start to gather 2026 budget numbers. The board held their first meeting right before the August meeting; as a next-step, it will be important to determine what has been spent in 2025 versus what was budgeted. The board will meet again on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm with a goal to adopt a budget in October.

**Old Business**

**Rocky Ripple Flood Protection: DPW Updates, ILA** – Randy learned that Shannon Killion has left DPW. Randy reached out to Todd Wilson, Director of DPW, to request a new point of contact for the floodwall project. As of last month, the board had been informed that responses on the CLOMR had been sent back to FEMA.

**Speeding Cars in Rocky Ripple/Related Safety Concerns** – The board met with Karissa Hulse on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Karissa mentioned that Butler University will not sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any neighbors. Rocky Ripple had hoped that Butler would commit to splitting a portion of paving costs for shared, high traffic areas. Karissa mentioned at the meeting that Butler is looking at signing a contract with Dynamo soccer for their continuing use of the fields. Dynamo is looking at making improvements to the fields since they cannot find funding to create their own practice facilities. Karissa inquired about traffic patterns and areas of greatest frustration; right now, all summer camps and active soccer leagues present a traffic challenge. The Town Council is continuing to look at traffic control options. Marshal Mike reminded the board that there is an MOU for snow plowing between Butler and Rocky Ripple; he will try to find this document for review.

**Town Manager/Marshal's Report** – On August 1<sup>st</sup> on the 5100 block of Riverview, a disturbance occurred between a landlord and tenant. On August 4<sup>th</sup>, another disturbance occurred on the same block. Marshal Mike reported on vegetation issues and mentioned that he would like the board to consider an ordinance that required a four-foot setback for trimming for unimproved lots. No waivers have been received from the community garden. A resident expressed a concern about waste on a neighbor's yard and was instructed to call the Mayor's Action Hotline. Mike will work with resident Margaret Brabant to finish setting up a grant for emergency responder suppliers; they aim to submit this information later this fall.

**Community Association Updates** – Josh Tafflinger has been doing a lot of tree trimming in the parks. The youth group agreement has been revised and the board is happy to proceed with the new document. The INRC grant is closed and all disc golf equipment has been installed. The Community Association is looking into patching/replacement parts for a couple of pieces of playground equipment; they will order new parts soon. The next kids' clothing swap will take place on August 17<sup>th</sup> and the next art swap will occur on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business**

**CEG Canal Update** – The canal overtopped its banks in July North of Rocky Ripple; there was some standing water on Sunset and Karstadt. Several residents in the area reported water in their basement(s) and shared feedback with Citizens Energy Group (CEG). Recent rain exacerbated the issue, although some of the flooding appears to be correlated with when CEG opens their gates in Broad Ripple. Residents are worried that the canal liner may be breached. Randy is working with CEG to figure out next steps and to better understand who is responsible for closing the gate in case of emergency.

### **Community Concerns**

A resident shared a noise complaint related to Frank's Paddlesports Livery; the resident said the noise is constant on the weekends as many boats are launching in peak season. This noise complaint continues to be a serious concern and the board will work to address before the 2026 summer season.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Megan Hulland