

**Special Joint Board of Public Works & Safety and Park Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 5, 2012 – 5:00 p.m.**  
**Ligonier City Hall · 103 W. Third Street · Ligonier, IN 46767**

**Call to order**

Mayor Fisel

**Attendance**

Board Public Works Members: Bonnie Edgell, Tom Janes, and Mayor Patty Fisel

Park Board Members: Ray Collet, Brian Hite, Gary Byers, Jeana Leamon, and Jake Gloor

Park Board Director Alan Duncan, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

**Meeting**

A special joint meeting was called for consideration of billing and billing policies for mowing contracted to the park department by the city for properties in violation of city ordinance 788-2011 pertaining to high grass and weeds.

The ordinance currently assesses a violation fine and a cost of \$100 per man hour for mowing and clean up costs when the property owner does not comply with the violation notice. Approximately 92% comply and those that do not are billed for the cleanup accordingly.

The city clerk's office has received several complaints recently from property owners claiming that the bills far exceeded what they felt were a reasonable charge and the issue was addressed at the last regular BOW meeting with the board upholding the charges invoiced.

The BOW asked for the special meeting with the park board to talk through the process and find a better way to serve the community. A middle ground more palatable to the citizens.

After discussion, board members felt it in the best interest to adjust the current charges. A base set up charge of \$100 and then \$40 per man hour based on one-quarter hour increments was suggested along with extending the time the property owner has to comply to 14 days.

The next step is for the BOW to make a recommendation to the council and a revised ordinance be drafted. The revised ordinance will require advertisement and not be effective for 30 days following. Any existing mowing bills will stand as is.

In other business, the Mayor informed the park board she intends to name Derrick Weimer to replace Nate Reynolds who recently resigned from the board.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business, Tom Janes moved that the meeting be adjourned.