

July 17, 2018

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana.

Council President, Warren Schacht, led us with the Pledge of Allegiance via video conferencing.

Park Board: Representatives from the park board, President Jim Ganschow and Member, Amanda Wojasinski in to give an update on what the board has been focused on:

- Dog Park:
 - Amanda has been in contact with Mr. Rick Brown, MS4. She inquired as to the proposal amount for the dog park fencing. Kate Doyle, MS4 Coordinator indicated that she would get a copy of this. Amanda's reason for the inquiry is to find out what the "extra" \$1700.00 is for? Tariffs? Also, park board would like to know the material being used for the fence. Perhaps a different material can be used to keep costs down. Kate will forward invoice for review.
 - New Dog Park Design and Scale: A new design (making the park smaller) was submitted by Mr. John Doyle for park board review.
 - Park Regulations: Mr. Herrbach, Amanda and Police Chief Steve Dick discussed the importance of keeping park rules consistent with the other two parks in town. Signs will soon be ordered after review by attorney.
 - Install Date: Amanda will stay in touch with Mr. Rick Brown for updates on install. Kate Doyle indicated that Long Beach may have some woodchips to donate for park use.
 - Parking Lot: Mr. Jeff Bruder, Street Commissioner will investigate contractors to shave down lot and install gravel or asphalt.

Fall Festival: Tentative Date scheduled for September 22, 2018

The Park Board would also like to remind Trail Creek residents that they are in search of an interested person to become a park board member. We would all like to thank Tiffany Hoen for her contribution to our park department and wish her well in future endeavors.

Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Studman to approve the meeting minutes from June 2018 as written; motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.

Approval of Fund A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to accept June 2018, Fund report; the motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims: A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to pay bills in the amount of \$ 343,698.51 (THREE HUNDRED FORTY THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT DOLLARS AND FIFTY-ONE CENTS) the motion was seconded by Mrs. Neumaier and was then unanimously carried.

Correspondence: None

MS4: Kate Doyle in attendance to report that the Town of Long Beach could possibly make a donation of wood chips for park use. The MS4 Budget hearing next month, she will report back.

Attorney: Mr. Bill Herrbach, Town Attorney in attendance.

- **Permit Fees:** Town code 1026 will be updated and effective 2019. Changes to fees include a \$50.00 per inspection fee. Also, Bill Herrbach will revise inspectors' contracts for review and signature by inspectors for file.
- **Dog Park Rules:** Bill indicates this will require an ordinance that he will prepare for next months meeting.
- **Other New Ordinances:** Front Yard Parking and Parking in Public Right of Ways. Mr. Herrbach will prepare for council signature at August 2018 meeting.
- **Abandoned Houses:** Mr. Herrbach stated that the courts have approved demolition of 110 Harding. Also, 235 Harding will go through the same legal process. Mr. Herrbach asked council for a motion to approve moving forward on demolition of 110 Harding and the legal process to eventually demolish 235 Harding. A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to put the necessary money (approx. 9-12k) in the 2019 budget for demolition of 110 Harding and legal fees for the court process on 235 Harding.

Engineer: John Doyle in attendance.

- **Melody Lane Project:** Walsh and Kelly paying invoice \$ 21,920.16, Mr. Doyle recommends payment to be made. DeBoer EGolf will be fixing some of the landscaping, Mr. Doyle will report back next month.
- **Roeske Project (INDOT GRANT):** D&M will be onsite tomorrow to finish project. Will be completed this week
- **Light Posts (Roeske Project)** Mr. Bruder, Street Commissioner will be getting with NIPSCO to get estimates on lighting for this street. He did however speak with a subcontractor for NIPSCO and found out that NIPSCO will be eventually switching all lights to LED, he will be contacting them for timeline.
- **2019 Street Improvement Projects:** Mr. Doyle submitted a list of multiple street improvement projects estimating currently at \$440,000.00. A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to move forward with the proper estimating on these projects, motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried, with the assistance of the INDOT GRANT if received.
- **Highway 20 Project:** Some progress is being made

Park Department: See Report Above

Building Department: No Report

Planning and Zoning: No Report

Police Department: Marshal Dick ~~not~~ in attendance. Mrs. Heath reported for him:

- Officer Nicolas Korepanow: Marshal indicates that Nic will be out more than 90 days due to his injury. Yet there is no report of surgery. Michigan City invited both Nic and the Marshal to MCPD to give Deputy Korepanow a service award and a pin.
- Tasers: Tasers are in and will be in service soon
- Body Cameras: Currently awaiting EMA for this project.
- 2009 Charger: Marshal states that this car has been in service 10 years and should be retired since it is now no longer drivable. The repair will cost \$ 6,800.00. A motion was made by Mrs. Heath to go ahead and move forward with getting a 2019 Dodge charger ordered, \$ 16,000.00 is estimated to make first payment and to outfit the vehicle, motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried. Monies will be taken out of C

Street Department: Mr. Bruder in attendance:

- Timeline for LED lighting will be given by NIPSCO
- Input from Street Commissioner on 2019 Street Improvement Projects
- Storm Drain Cleaning: Street Department is in the process of cleaning all drains of debris. District 3 was completed today.
- Salt Dome: The fence around the salt dome has been reinstalled. The concrete flooring will be next.

NIRPC: No Report

Old Business:

- Ordinance #5-2018; Front Yard Parking will be tabled to discuss at a future date.

New Business: None

Public Comment:

- Brent Bassett: 520 Johnson Road in to get an update on the speeding on Johnson Road. He also wanted to thank the Police Department for more patrolling. He asked council if there were any updates on the data from the radar trailer? Marshal Steve Dick stated that he will look into a "Reduced Speed" sign to be installed on Johnson Road as you enter Trail Creek.
- Connie Gramarossa: LC Commissioner offered her assistance in any way she can.
- Jerrally Stark: 2109 Red Oak Drive, Appreciates the hard work by all the town employees and volunteers. She also made comment regarding the speeding on Johnson Road. She stated that she always makes sure to slow down to 30. Perhaps some blinking light signs would be of assistance. Street Department and Police Department will be looking into the appropriate signs.

- Christina Espar: Running for Prosecutor and wanted to make an appearance at our town hall meeting.
- Roger Stark: 2109 Red Oak Drive, Expressed concern for gutter growth. He wondered if we could have an ordinance that would make it a rule to clean your gutters.

Clerk Comment: Ms. Denham reported that the refuse contract is up this year so we will need to get that into the paper for sealed bids.


Council Comment: None

There being no further business a motion was made by Mr. Studtman to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm; motion was seconded by Mrs. Heath and was then unanimously carried.

APPROVED:



Warren Schacht, Council President
Jennifer Heath, Council Vice President

ATTEST: 
Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
August 21, 2018