

**OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MAY 2, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.  
COMMUNITY ROOM**

**PRESENT:** Tim Nelson, President  
Michael Webber  
Kathy Kniola  
Scott Lehmann  
Nate Ball

**MINUTES**

Kathy Kniola moved to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2016 special meeting. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously passed.

Scott Lehmann moved to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2016 regular monthly meeting. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGRATULATIONS**

Tim Nelson made the following announcements:

- Election Primary – May 3 (tomorrow) 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Town Hall extended summer hours through Labor Day: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday  
8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays
- Dog Restrictions: No dogs on the beach from May 1 to October 1.
- Parking Restrictions: Restricted summer parking in effect till October 1
- Town Clean-Up Weekend – May 6, 7 and 8 – The Town will collect e-waste among other items.
- Final Leaf Pick-Up (until fall) – May 10
- Meet the Town Council Event – May 22 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Room
- Sandpiper Preschool Fundraiser – May 14 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Community Room

**COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Street Department – Jim Matthys discussed the Town Clean-Up to be held on May 6, 7 and 8. He stated that all hazardous waste must be placed in a special area. Do not use the dumpsters for these types of products. E-waste (any item with a cord) will also be collected and placed in a special area. No railroad ties will be accepted. You may bring tires but they cannot be put in dumpsters. He also stated that residents should not put leaves with twigs. You must have two separate piles (one for leaves and one for twigs).

Park Board – Eric Jensen stated that he needs volunteers on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. for clean-up at Long Lake Park. The Park Board will sponsor the Memorial Day race. Meet at the soccer field at 8:00 a.m.

Plan Commission – Mike Falk stated that the property owners of 25 Hillcrest Road and 39 Diana Road have been nonresponsive to Plan Commission requests regarding property violations. He requested that the Council provide the Town Attorney with a recorded motion in the minutes as to whether or not he should go forward with fines for these properties at \$100.00 per day.

Home Association – Tim Nelson stated that the Home Association has a children’s summer camp program. You can find information on the Home Association website and also at [www.odsummercamp.com](http://www.odsummercamp.com) where you can register.

ADA – Sara Anderson discussed changing the handicap parking space at Kratz Field. Rob Schlyer will contact both the Police and Street Department to give the Home Association approval to change the location of the parking area.

Environmental Advisory Board – Susan Mihalo stated that the 2016 IDEM beach grant has not been returned as yet. She stated that the Environmental Board will be available at Kratz Field on Memorial Day to answer any resident questions regarding recycling.

Community Fund – Nancy Johnson stated that the 2015 grants were awarded to: ADA, Animal Control, Book Club, Sandpiper and one to the Cable Advisory Board that was deferred. Grant applications for 2016 funds must be submitted by May 23, 2016. Applications are available on the website and at Town Hall.

Tim Nelson discussed with Eric Jensen of the Park Board possible locations in Town for a dog park which has been requested by some residents in Town. Eric stated that he would discuss this topic at the next Park Board meeting.

## **CLAIMS**

Nate Ball moved to approve the April claims as stated by the Clerk-Treasurer. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Jim Matthys stated that he has fixed the Tamarack beach access way in order for emergency vehicles to get to the beach. He stated that Marshal Reeder has now approved the access way for emergency vehicles. Jim Matthys stated that Tamarack is the only current safe access way for emergency vehicles due to the beach erosion.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mike Webber moved to approve the Sandpiper request for an auction prize at their May fundraiser consisting of a one-time free use of the Community Room (rental fee being waived). Security deposit will be required along with a signed rental agreement. Kathy Kniola seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Resident Susan Rhodes volunteered to keep the Town Council current on the progress of the proposed Sport Resort to be built off Route 12. Susan indicated that the project has not yet received final approval by the City of Portage. Susan has acquired extensive written information regarding this project and it is available to all residents for review through the Clerk-Treasurer's Office. Susan stated that she will continue to report to the Council as new information is garnered.

Scott Lehmann moved to reappoint Roger Rhodes as Building Commissioner for a one-year term beginning June 1, 2016 and ending May 31, 2017. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Scott Lehmann moved to appoint Mike Falk as Assistant Building Commissioner effective May 2, 2016 to May 31, 2017. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion was held on the properties at 25 Hillcrest and 39 Diana. Mike Falk stated that 25 Hillcrest was cited approximately three years ago with a \$1,000 fine. There has been no response or payment from the homeowners. The home is in serious disrepair, not secure and varmint infested. The Plan Commission recommends boarding up and posting a sign if no response from homeowner. The problem with 39 Diana entails 30 feet high walls built without a permit and encroaches on and causes erosion to neighboring properties. Scott Lehmann moved to give our Town Attorney the authority, effective immediately, to levy a \$100.00 per day fine against property owners of 25 Hillcrest Road and 39 Diana Road and take any subsequent action needed to enforce code compliance. Kathy Kniola seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mike Webber moved to purchase a used 2008 Allianz/Global J3000 Street Sweeper for a cost of \$81,000 payable over a five-year lease-purchase agreement. A trade-in value of \$2,000 for the current Street Department sweeper (FMC Sweeper) has been applied to the purchase price by Brown Equipment. Funds for this purchase will be taken from the Sanitation Department budget. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

Kathy Kniola moved to accept the new changes to the Community Room Agreement which states that the rent per function will be reduced to \$100.00 (down from \$200.00 per function). In addition, any Ogden Dunes group, committee or department who requests the services of an outside "for profit" business, who will charge a fee for their services, that business shall pay the Town of Ogden Dunes a flat 20% fee on the gross revenue collected in lieu of the flat \$100.00 per function charge. The \$100.00 refundable deposit will be required. These changes will be effective June 1, 2016. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was unanimously approved.

## **RESIDENT REMARKS**

Walter Sampson – Discussed the property at 25 Hillcrest and also mentioned the proposed wheel tax in Portage. He questioned whether Ogden Dunes residents would be required to pay this tax.

Paul Panther – Discussed the sale of Lions Club tickets for the Memorial Day Event. He also mentioned that many of the memorial benches in Town need repairs.

Ed Rooks – Thanked Jim Matthys for his years of service to the Town and also thanked him for his work on Tamarack access way.

Joan Machuca – Thanked Jim Matthys for all his help with the Women’s Club function over the years. Joan also stated that the recent Blood Drive held by the Women’s Club was very successful. There will be a Kids Nature Hike on May 21 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Community Room sponsored by the Women’s Club. Please register at [www.ogdendunes.in.gov](http://www.ogdendunes.in.gov). Joan also stated that the new phone books are available for purchase at Town Hall for a cost of \$15.00.

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Tim Nelson reminded residents to attend Jim Matthys’ retirement party on May 15, 2016 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Community Room.

Mike Webber stated that every committee and department in Ogden Dunes, if they were present at this meeting, would thank Jim Matthys for his service and dedication to the Town.

No further business coming before the Council, Scott Lehmann moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Tim Nelson, President

**ATTEST:**

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Jean Manna, Clerk-Treasurer