

**OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
COMMUNITY ROOM
JULY 10, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Scott Lehmann
Michael Webber
Kathy Kniola
Nate Ball

ABSENT: Tim Nelson

MINUTES

Kathy Kniola moved that the minutes of the June 5, 2017 meeting be approved as submitted. Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion was passed.

CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGRATULATIONS

Scott Lehmann announced the Hillcrest Road closing due to NICTD track repairs from July 10 to July 21. Please use access road.

NICTD representatives, Nicole Barker, Director of Capital Investment and Implementation and John Parsons, Vice President Marketing and Planning, spoke regarding the NICTD Double Track NWI project plans. Information regarding this project can be obtained at Town Hall.

COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department – Marshal Reeder reported no problems during the Fourth of July weekend. He urged residents to be careful when using the roundabout located on the access road. He also stated that they have found fires still burning on the beach. Do not bury your fire. You must put it out completely with water. He then introduced Nicole Baumann, Indiana Conservation Officer, who spoke regarding coyotes. She urged residents not to feed them.

Plan Commission – Mike Falk stated that 40 Sunset Trail and 9 Locust Place are seeking a replat (swapping small parcels of land in order to make their shared lot line less horizontal in relation to the improvements on the respective properties). Mike Falk also stated that the Plan Commission is still dealing with 25 Hillcrest and is recommending a fine of \$5,000.

Beach Nourishment Committee – Steve Coombs gave an update for the Beach Nourishment Committee. He is requesting a meeting with the Town Council, Paul Labovitz of the National Park and the Beach Nourishment Committee to again discuss the lakefront homeowners' inability to reinforce their seawalls due to the National Park Service objection to our permit. Kathy Kniola agreed to this meeting and stated that she and Tim Nelson would try to set up a meeting.

Beautification Committee – Barbara Schultz supplied the Council with a list of native perennial plants that have been purchased with Community Fund grant money and planted at the L-shaped gardens by the railroad tracks and the church.

Animal Committee – Barbara Schultz reported for this Committee and thanked the Town for purchasing the dog waste bags.

General Code – Dick Meister stated that the regular meeting will be held on July 11 at 7 p.m. at the Hour Glass at which time the Committee will continue to review the boats and one axle trailers being parked in driveways. They will also address the possibility of increasing fines for littering on the beach.

Historical Society – Dick Meister pointed out the new exhibit in the Community Room which was made possible with Community Fund grant money.

Environmental Advisory – Susan Mihalo reported that syringes were found on the beach by an adult and a child. The Town website now has an advisory as to how to handle found syringes.

Dark Skies – Susan Adams requested that the letter she drafted be sent under the name of the Town Council President to Rick Calinski, Manager, Department of Public Affairs, NIPSCO, concerning the new LED lighting that NIPSCO is planning. Kathy Kniola moved that the letter be sent under the name of the Town Council President subject to his edits. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion was passed.

Community Fund – Carolyn Saxton presented two grants for Town Council approval as follows: ODHA in the amount of \$4,500 for replacing the surface of the basketball courts at Kratz Field and \$270.30 for Sandpiper Preschool to purchase insect related educational items. Mike Webber moved to approve the two grants as presented. Kathy Kniola seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion was passed.

CLAIMS

Mike Webber moved to accept the June 2017 claims as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Scott Lehmann read Ordinance 828 in full for the second reading. Nate Ball moved to pass Ordinance 828 as read. Kathy Kniola seconded the motion. The vote of the Council was as follows: Scott Lehmann, no; Nate Ball, yes; Kathy Kniola, yes; Mike Webber, yes. The motion was passed three to one.

NEW BUSINESS

Kathy Kniola moved to suspend the rules and vote on Ordinance 830 on the first reading by title only. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion was passed. Mike Webber moved to pass Ordinance 830 on the first reading and Kathy Kniola seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion was passed.

Nate Ball moved to pass Resolution 2017-01 transfer of funds to Park and Recreation in the amount of \$3978.06. Kathy Kniola seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion was passed.

Kathy Kniola moved to approve the cleaning contracts for Town Hall and the Community Room between the Town of Ogden Dunes and Maha Shahwan effective July 1, 2017. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion was passed.

Kathy Kniola moved to appoint Cynthia Hicks to the Animal Committee. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion was passed.

Mike Webber moved to approve the request from the owners of 40 Sunset Trail and 9 Locust Place seeking a replat (swapping small parcels of land in order to make their shared lot line less horizontal in relation to the improvements on the respective properties). Scott Lehmann seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion was passed.

A discussion was held on the General Code's recommendation regarding container and receptacle requirements and use. The Council would like this referred to the Plan Commission for a more detailed description of the enclosure to be used by residents to house the garbage totes.

RESIDENT REMARKS

None

COUNCIL REMARKS

Scott Lehmann thanked the Street Department for cleaning up the Town and stated that they did a great job!

No further business coming before the Council, Mike Webber moved to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Kniola seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Scott Lehmann, Vice President

ATTEST:

Jean Manna, Clerk-Treasurer