

Ogden Dunes General Code Review Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: July 17, 2013 - 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM - Fire Station

Members

Jim Slawinski, Chair (Present)

Ken Thompson, Secretary (Present)

Bill Gregory, TC Member (Present)

Ed Hewitt (Present)

Mike Schaefer, Co-Chairperson (present)

Charles Costanza, TC Member (Present)

Connie Collins (Present)

Lynn Toomey (Present)

- **Meeting called to Order at 702p**
- **Approval of April & May 2013 Committee Minutes, (No meeting in June) – Both sets of minutes approved without change by voice vote.**
- **Police Chief James Reeder to discuss the possibility of speeding and/or sign violation fines within Ogden Dunes to be collected within the town.**

Chief Reeder explained the current violation system, the current state law, practices, and where traffic fines are applied. The current situation in Kouts was discussed and their violations bureau. Ted Usilack is a resource in Portage to discuss what they do. Charles Costanza will talk with him.

Chief asked for strengthening of the abandon vehicle ordinance. Bill Gregory will work on a rewrite of the current ordinance.

A question was asked about where town property ends from the road. The chief indicated, generally, about 10 feet from the edge of the road is town property.

We then talked about parking passes including hardship passes which can only be used for parking directly in front of the person's property if they live in the restrictive parking area. For large parties, there is a form to apply for a particular event that can grant multiple passes if approved by the police department.

Concern was raised about the restriction on only obtaining passes the day of and now the two-day passes (over Sunday). This was done because of the number of people that were asking for weeks of passes.

The chief was asked about extending the restriction time to corresponding to the dog restrictions (May 1 to Oct 1) instead of the current time from May 1 to Sept 1). There seems to be consensus to extend the time to Oct 1. Jim work on a change in the ordinance to propose to extend the date.

The chief raised the issue of boats. The township ordinance now only lets boats on the property for 30 calendars (same as a RVs). The time proceeds even if the boat is gone for a weekend.

The chief also raised the issue of garbage cans. The ordinance indicates that the garbage cans must be out of sight during the days there is not garbage pick-up. The chief would propose to remedy to address the problems of garbage cans and visibility. Mike will look at the current ordinance.

Parking ticketing was discussed. Fines have been doubled and there is now a process to track vehicles in violation. Repeated violations could be grounds for towing

- **Seasonal Parking Proposal to increase to October 1** - Jim S. will work on a revision of this proposal.
- **State Senator Karen Tallian to discuss (August Meeting) what would be required in order to have staggered terms for the Town Council Members**
Karen was not able to attend at this meeting. She will reschedule.
- **Formal E-Mail addresses for Town Council Members** – we will ask Karen about the pros and cons for having special emails.
- **Official Form approved and to be used in submitting recommendations to Town Council and/or other Committees.** – In the last meeting we agreed to the final form of this document.
- **Continued discussion on expenditure limit approval process for Town Council Members. (Connie Collins)** – will hold discussion on this item at the next meeting

- **Possible combination of existing ordinances involving fines per request (Bill Gregory).**
- **GCR Committee update at next Town Council Meeting (volunteer needed)**
– Lynn will update the town council at the August meeting.
- **Potential New Member of the GCR Committee.** – There is an application for the open position vacated by Judith Stiles.
- **Residents' Remarks** – Ed Rooks participated in several of the items addressed in these minutes.
- **Committee Member Remarks** – A member raised the issue of how to let the town know of this committee's proposals. We discussed by posting the minutes Town website for this committee and we discussed several means to disseminate proposed ordinances changes.

Another comment was raised about how to get compliance of what town appointed committees are suppose to do.

- **Adjourned** by voice vote at 835p
- **Next scheduled meeting date August 14th, 2013**