

Ogden Dunes General Code Review Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 06, February 2018 - 7:00 PM Hour Glass

Members

Richard Meister, Chair (Present)	Julia Hoham (Present)
Gerald Scheff (Absent)	Mike Teeling (Absent)
Ken Thompson, Secretary (Present)	David Hollar (Present)
Nate Ball, TC Member (Present)	Scott Lehman, TC Member (Present)
Connie Collins (Present)	Jim Slawinski (Present)

Also Present: Jean Manna, Clerk/Treasurer

Meeting called to order 706p.

Approval of the Minutes of Dec, 2017 Meeting Minutes as written approved 6 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstain.

Announcements: Jim Slawinski was appointed to the committee by the Town Council.

Old Business

- **Proposed changes to ordinance 72.04 – Parking Restrictions on Recreational Vehicles** – Town Council had a concern with the language relating to trailers. TC did not know how to deal with work trailers or box trailers, maybe as a separate ordinance taking out trailers from this proposed ordinance. We revised the proposed ordinance (see below). Jean will give to Tim Nelson.
- **Proposed changes to ordinance 94.40 – Watercraft identification stickers/ Beach storage and 94.99 Penalty** – This went through the first reading at town council.
- **Garbage receptacle screens.** The ordinance was stalled. There was a concern with a need to provide specs on what the screen should look like. Jean Mana said she would contact Doug Cannon, who did the screen for the park near the tennis courts on Diana Road. Perhaps his plans might be considered as a model.

New Business

- **Littering ordinance – 94.22 disposal of refuse.** The national park charges up to \$1000. Marshal suggest a beginning fine of \$50, after five days \$200. We suggested a clean up fee to added as well. This is to include all public lands. We moved forward on a draft of the motion. Julia will put in final form.
- **Building Code** – General Code is asked to consider items in what is the building code that affects all residents as these should separated out as part of Homeland Security requirements. Scott will talk to Roger and Mike Faulk to get greater clarity on what Gen Code is suppose to do related to the items that were sent to the committee.

Public Comments –

- Susan Adams addressed the committee advocating to develop a general lighting ordinance. The planning commission said it was not under their purview. As the proposed ordinance was revised, then it was sent to the General Code Review Committee. We tabled the issue, in July 2017, several months ago. Susan supports that General Code Review Committee writing the ordinance in a non-retroactive manner. Street lighting – NIPSCO will be replacing the street lighting in 2020 and the lighting will be more with what the “dark skies” committee wanted.

Motion to adjourn made & approved by unanimous consent at: **838p**. Next meeting will be held Tue 6 March 2018 at 7p at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted: *Dr. Kenneth Thompson*, Secretary

**GENERAL CODE REVIEW COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO TOWN CODES FOR TOWN COUNCIL
APPROVAL**

TOWN CODE TITLE, CHAPTER, SECTION, STATUTORY REFERENCES:
72.04

CURRENT CODE LANGUAGE:

(A) Parking of recreational vehicles, boats, RV's, mobile homes and trailers within the town shall be limited to temporary parking and not permanent or semi-permanent storage unless they are garaged or housed.

PROPOSED CODE LANGUAGE:

- (A) Parking of recreational vehicles, including and not limited to. RV's, mobile homes, camping trailers, and boats over twenty feet in length with motors and on trailers, within the town is limited to temporary parking; that is, no longer than a total of thirty days within a calendar year and not in permanent or semi-permanent storage unless they are garaged or housed.
- (B) Parking of non-motorized watercraft no longer than twenty feet in length on licensed trailer is allowed from May 1 to September 30 and if stored on a trailer, the trailer must be single-axle. Watercraft weighing less than sixty pounds, such as paddleboards, kayaks, canoes, sculls, and sail boats are excluded from parking/storage ordinances.
- (C) Parking of motorized watercraft no longer than 20 feet is allowed from May 1 to September 30. Said motorized watercraft must be stored on a trailer and the trailer must be no larger than a single-axel design.
- (D) No more than one licensed trailer with watercraft may be stored on a property at any time.

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGE:

Ogden Dunes is a community which sits on the shore of Lake Michigan. Many residents take advantage of their proximity to a recreational boating area by purchasing watercraft. Preventing a citizen from easy access to his/her smaller watercraft imposes an unfair imposition to his/her ability to utilize said watercraft.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TOWN COUNCIL ACTION REGARDING THE ABOVE PROPOSED CODE CHANGES:

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2018

DECLINED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2018

REFERRED TO (E.G., BUILDING CODE REVIEW FOR CHANGES, TOWN ATTORNEY, ETC.) FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION:

CLERK-TREASURER SHALL MAINTAIN PAPER AND/OR ELECTRONIC RECORD OF ALL CHANGES APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL AND ARRANGE FOR PREPARATION OF AMENDED ORDINANCES, AS NEEDED, FOR INCLUSION IN A "RECODIFICATION OF THE PRESENT GENERAL AND PERMANENT ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF OGDEN DUNES" AS PROVIDED FOR IN ORDINANCE 648 OF THE TOWN OF OGDEN DUNES.