

**OGDEN DUNES TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
JULY 2, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT**                    Scott Lehmann, President  
                                 Mike Webber  
                                 Carolyn Saxton  
                                 Tim Nelson  
                                 Nate Ball

**MINUTES**

Carolyn Saxton moved to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2018 regular monthly meeting. Nate Ball seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS & CONGRATULATIONS**

Scott Lehmann made the following announcements: Parking restrictions effective May 1 to October 1; Town Hall will be opened on July 4, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Speaker, Jenifer Wilson of 53 Hillcrest Road, gave a presentation of her “Historic Character Preservation & Standards Guide” for the Town of Ogden Dunes. This guide is available for review at the Clerk-Treasurer’s office. Jenifer requested that the Town Council form a committee to create, implement and protect our original dunes aesthetic allowing nature to take center stage. Mike Webber moved to form a committee effective July 2, 2018 called the “Historic Character Preservation & Standards Committee” and will consist of one member each from the following Town committees and boards: Historical Society, ADA, Plan Commission, Home Association, Park & Rec Board, Street Department and one liaison from the Town Council. Tim Nelson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Tim Nelson suggested that resident comments regarding the Marquette Greenway be heard during the Council’s discussion of this topic in New Business rather than at the end of the meeting. The Council members agreed and several residents spoke for and against the Marquette Greenway.

**COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Street Department – Chuck Litzkow stated that the Street Department has been cleaning drywalls. The Council questioned the cleaning of the beach area by the Street Department; however, Chuck stated that he was not able to safely get equipment down to the beach.

Water Department – Chuck Litzkow stated that water bills will be mailed soon.

Park & Rec – Doug Cannon stated that the Marquette Greenway as planned would cut off a portion of the existing tennis courts on Diana Road. He also suggested that a cost analysis of this project be reviewed by the Town Council prior to any long term commitment.

Fire Department – Chuck Litzkow reminded residents that the Firemen’s Ball will be held at the end of July and urged residents to support this fundraiser.

Plan Commission – Mike Falk stated that building issues with three contractors are being reviewed by the Plan Commission.

Beach Nourishment – Tim Nelson stated that he and Rodger Howell attended a meeting with the Indiana Lieutenant Governor, Suzanne Crouch, on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Portage Lakefront Park. The Lieutenant Governor was visiting northern Indiana with the State Department of Tourism. Senator Tallian, Mayor Snyder and others attended the meeting and we were able to show the Lieutenant Governor the severe beach erosion conditions at the Portage and Ogden Dunes beaches.

General Code Review Committee – Dick Meister stated the Committee’s recommendation for refuse containers has been referred back to General Code by the Town Council for possible revisions. Next General Code meeting is July 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hour Glass Museum on Lupine.

ADA – Joan Machuca stated that the ADA transition plan has been reviewed by Alan Hammond, NIRPC, and ADA would like to meet with various Town committees for input in finalizing the ADA transition plan.

Women’s Club – Joan Machuca stated that the Sandcastle Building Contest will begin at 9:00 a.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup> and judging will begin at 10:30 a.m. The Women’s Club will also sponsor a fundraiser called “Festival in the Park” at Kratz Field on August 25, 2018 at a cost of \$15.00 per person.

Building Code Review – Mike Falk stated that reorganization of the building codes should be finalized by the end of summer.

Community Fund – Carolyn Saxton stated that the Community Fund is seeking Town Council approval for a Sandpiper science and nature educational materials grant in the amount of \$262.75. Tim Nelson moved to accept the grant request and Nate Ball seconded the motion. The vote of the Council was as follows: Tim Nelson, yes; Mike Webber, yes; Scott Lehmann, yes; Nate Ball, yes; Carolyn Saxton, abstain. The vote of the Council was four to one and the motion passed.

Historical Society – Dick Meister stated that several programs are being planned for 2018 as follows: September 16 – 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Women’s Club; October 21 – Building Community Spirit; November 18 – Hour Glass Open House; December 2 – Annual Christmas Tea. All programs will be held at the Hour Glass on Lupine.

## **CLAIMS**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Clerk-Treasurer has been instructed to repeat the announcement for the Assistant Building Commissioner opening through the Town website.

Scott Lehmann read Ordinance 839, Simple Trespass/Prowling, by title only for the second reading. Tim Nelson moved to accept Ordinance 839 and Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Scott Lehmann read Ordinance 840 by title only for second reading. Tim Nelson suggested that the ordinance be tabled until the August meeting in order to confer with Marshal Reeder as to the necessity of crosswalk signs. Nate Ball also stated that he does not feel it is necessary to have crosswalks at Beach

Access 14 and 18 and at Hillcrest Road and Boat Club Road at Kratz Field as stated in the current proposed ordinance.

Nate Ball reported that the Fire Department will assume the deductible liability of \$250 per radio should a claim occur. These radios were purchased by the Town for the Fire Department from Bartronics, Inc. and insured through Anton Insurance.

Paul Panther, newly appointed Ethics Trainer, stated that he would be training all Town paid staff (excluding elected officials) possibly in October 2018.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A discussion was held regarding the Marquette Greenway letter of support. Carolyn Saxton stated that the form letter was reviewed by the Town Attorney who stated that by submitting this letter to the US Department of Transportation it would not hold the Town to a financial or location obligation. Tim Nelson requested an additional statement be included in the letter to read as follows: "The Town of Ogden Dunes reserves the right to continue discussions with NIRPC and other participants regarding the development, location and costs of the portion of the Marquette Greenway that runs through or around the Town of Ogden Dunes". Carolyn Saxton moved to accept the letter with Tim Nelson's additional statement and forward this letter to NIRPC. Nate Ball seconded the motion. The vote of the Council was as follows: Tim Nelson, yes; Carolyn Saxton, yes; Nate Ball, yes; Mike Webber, yes; Scott Lehmann, no. The vote of the Council was four to one and the motion passed.

Tim Nelson moved to approve the Fire Department's request to apply for the Indiana Michigan Coastal grant and that upon funding of this grant, the Fire Department will seek matching funds from sources such as the Town, Community Fund, ODVFD, etc. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Carolyn Saxton moved to approve the porta-potty request made by a resident for an upcoming wedding to be parked on August 18<sup>th</sup> at Shore and Tamarack in public parking spots and to be removed no later than Monday, August 20, 2018. The vote of the Council was as follows: Carolyn Saxton, yes; Tim Nelson, yes, Scott Lehmann, yes; Nate Ball, yes; Mike Webber, abstain. The vote of the Council was four to one and the motion passed.

## **RESIDENT COMMENTS**

Jon Machuca – In regard s to Ordinance 840, he stated that snow could cover painted signs on the roads.

No further business coming before the Council, Nate Ball moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Webber seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

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Scott Lehmann, President

ATTEST:

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Jean Manna, Clerk-Treasurer