

July 19, 2021

City of Richlawn Meeting Minutes

1. Open Forum

- a. Sam Rymarz attended the meeting regarding his eagle scout project. He is from Troop 386.
 - i. His project is to clean up an area on Blenheim Road and Lyndon Way, near Vaughn & Smith law office, toward Thierman Lane.
 - ii. He would also like to install a bench.
 - iii. He would like to open up the area and clear out the brush. He would like to lay mulch, flowers, and arborvitae.
 - iv. Costs would likely reach around \$300 to \$500.
 - v. Current growth covers the speed limit sign.
 - vi. Mr. Rymarz spoke with the neighbors to discuss.
 - vii. Mayor Carpenter asked about the next steps. Mr. Rymarz will bring this to the Scouts and to get the supplies. He will reach out to the Commission with estimates on the prices once that is done.
 1. Mr. Rymarz suspects the plants to be \$600-\$700. He needs to figure out the amount of mulch is needed. A bag is \$3.30 per bag. He will look at donations for all the items including the bench.
 - viii. Commissioner Downs asked about watering. Mr. Rymarz will investigate watering any new plants.
 - ix. Mr. Rymarz would like to complete the project by the end of the August.
 - x. Commission sent Mr. Rymarz to get some more prep work.
- b. Resident of 123 Gibson showed and presented a great deal of information on people she believed were violating the parking ordinance. She spoke for ten minutes and attacked various residents for violating the parking ordinance including commissioners.
 - i. The Commission pointed out that the resident of 123 Gibson never has been cited for a parking violation.
 - ii. She also complained about being cited for the lighting issue. And complained about her neighbors.
 - iii. Code Enforcement officer agreed to meet with the resident, along with the city attorney, to discuss the lighting issue and her compliance.

2. City Treasurer

- a. Cash balances are on schedule. The balance sheet is strong.
- b. Receivables are on schedule.
- c. Income for the year
 - i. Up on the year as compared to last year.
 - ii. Property taxes were up, and insurance premiums were up.
 - iii. Positive for the year on cash. Net income is \$27,000 which led to an increase on cash.
- d. Covid payments from the federal government are on their way.
 - i. We are looking to increase neighborhood security and to improve the city's technology.
- e. We are on budget for collections. Contingency funds are untouched.
- f. Security costs are up but we can afford to increase the patrols.

- g. Tree canopy program payments are set to be sent out.
 - h. Commission DeVore moved to approve the bills. Commissioner Philippe seconded. All were in favor.
 - i. Commissioner DeVore moved to approve last month's minutes. Commissioner Philippe seconded motion. Minutes were approved.
3. City Attorney
- a. Reported on the streetlights. LG&E only puts in harsher white lights.
 - i. The City may have a contractor replace the lights to make them shielded.
 - ii. Commission would have to get a contractor and have LG&E's approval.
 - b. Mayor asked City Attorney to draft an Ordinance for a franchise fee for solicitors.
4. Code Enforcement Officer
- a. He has been in contact with resident on Gibson. Resident has provided code enforcement officer with a litany of observations on other violations throughout the neighborhood.
 - b. He fined the resident \$50 for her violations
5. Sheepdog Security, Sgt. Tourinho
- a. Sgt. Tourinho attended and discussed a huge decline in petty crimes. More violent crimes are rising, however. Car jackings and kidnappings are rising. Beechwood Village has experienced this rise in violent crime, but Richlawn has been spared so far. Sgt. Tourinho encouraged the City to remain vigilant and to keep a close eye for people in the neighborhood who look out of the ordinary. Home invasions are on the rise across the country.
 - b. Residents should feel free to call Sgt. Tourinho if an issue develops that requires investigation.
6. Commissioner Brotzge
- a. Construction Requests
 - i. 105 Don Allen
 - 1. Request to repave the driveway
 - b. Tree Canopy Program
 - i. 4199 Blenheim – requested to pick up reimbursement check
 - ii. 218 Don Allen – cleaning up dead branch from Tulip Poplar
 - iii. 213 Gibson Road – requested information about the canopy tree program but has not submitted paperwork.
 - c. Will add the canopy language to the form online.
 - d. Dumpster on street
 - i. Resident on Gibson Road has had a dumpster on the road in front of their house. Commissioner.
 - ii. Commissioner Brotzge will investigate a dumpster permit and POD permit.
7. Commissioner DeVore
- a. Sidewalks along Hubbards have been cleared along with the curb on Blenheim.
 - b. Has been contacted by two people about the neighborhood association. Commissioner DeVore told them they could do their own events. The Commission does not have any control over the neighborhood association outside of writing a check. Neighborhood association will be mentioned in the Gazette.

- c. Commissioner DeVore will call Sam Rymarz' scout master to confirm this project.
- 8. Commissioner Downs
 - a. EZ Texting
 - i. 75 addresses have filled out the form for the texting services
 - ii. We have 80 correct names of homeowners with emails.
 - b. Website & Minutes
 - i. Was missing April minutes. Commissioner Brotzge sent the minutes from April for the website.
 - ii. Commissioner Downs is looking to reorganize the City's tax information on the website. The treasurer will help with providing the correct information.
- 9. Commissioner Philippe
 - a. 4193 Blenheim
 - i. Spoke with the inspector again and the inspector will go by again to inspect. Inspector thinks the owner is going to move and keeps giving the owner more time.
 - b. Gazette is about finished and will be sent to the publisher in the next week or two.
 - c. Finalists for the lawn contest are being finalized and the prizes will be issued.
 - d. There will be a Halloween decorating contest
- 10. Mayor Carpenter
 - a. Google account payment updated: removed Steve Wilkerson's account
- 11. New Business
 - a. New City Google numbers:
 - i. Mayor: 502-512-8930
 - ii. Treasurer: 502-512-8697
- 12. Adjournment
 - a. Commissioner DeVore moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Philippe seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the Motion passed.