

August 20, 2019

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana.

President, Jennifer Heath led us with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Rick Brown, LaPorte County MS4 Coordinator:

Mr. Brown stated that the MS4's non-reverting fund along with a coastal grant could pay for a walkway and some landscaping at Ollie's Bark Park. The coastal grant will be written by MS4 Assistant, Ariana Woodson. If the grant is accepted, then the town could see a new stone or chip pathway and some new landscaping. Mr. Brown was very excited to share this excellent opportunity to the town. The only thing the town would need to do is what Mr. Brown called "in kind" work. Mr. Bruder, Street Commissioner indicated he and his crew would assist in any way they can, this could include labor and/or use of machinery if needed. Also, the street department would take care of the plantings. Park Board President, Jim Ganschow expressed his appreciation for this opportunity as well. After a short discussion regarding the town's financial constraints, the council was made clear by Mr. Brown that the town would not have to pay anything financially, only the "in kind" work. A motion was made by Mrs. Neumaier to proceed with the plan on the beautification of Ollie's Bark Park, the motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and then was unanimously carried.

As per the Park Board President, the opening of the dog park will be September 07, 2019 from 12:00 - 2:00pm. All residents are encouraged to join us. There will be sign ups for the registration on-site. Ms. Denham asked if she should go ahead and put in the paper as well as on FB? Mr. Ganschow indicated that park board member Amanda Wojasinski will be getting a flyer together and forwarding it onto both the town hall as well as the police department for a press release.

Minutes A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to approve the meeting minutes from July 2019 as written, motion was seconded by Mrs. Gralik and was then unanimously carried.

Approval of Fund A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to accept the July 2019 Fund report; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Neumaier and was then unanimously carried.

Approval of Claims: Clerk, Joshleen Denham shared the APV for payables for the month of July/August 2019 in the amount of \$ 100,941.73 (ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY ONE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY EIGHT CENTS) A motion was made by Mr. Silcox to approve the bills in the amount above, motion was seconded by Mrs. Gralik and was then unanimously carried.

Correspondence: None

MS4: MS4 Coordinator; Kate Doyle in attendance to report:

- The splash pad project is almost complete. Once the paintings for the drains are done, a video will be made for training purposes.

Attorney: Bill Herrbach in attendance.

- State Building Codes Approved by State. Steve Thomas, Building Commissioner to get and will be recorded for the record.
- Interlocal Agreement; Mr. Thomas indicated that Paul Foreman would like to be reappointed as the Plumbing Inspector, council agreed. Mr. Thomas went on to say that the town should still have the Interlocal Agreement in place in case another inspector steps down or gets sick. Council agreed, Mrs. Heath, Council President agreed to attend the county meeting to get this approved.
- Ordinance Violations:
 1. 1929 Coolspring: Court date for August 27, 2019
 2. 1911 Welnetz Road: Court date for August 27, 2019

Engineer: John Doyle, Town Engineer in attendance:

- 2019 Street Improvement Program:
 1. Laurel, Spruce, Pinecone area done
 2. Edgmoor; has been milled and is scheduled to be paved on Thursday.
 3. Martin: Binder down, to resurface next week.
- Mr. Doyle met with Royce Equipment, LLC from Crete, Illinois, Council Member, Scott Silcox and Street Commissioner, Jeff Bruder regarding the unbalanced floats on the stormwater pumping station. Mr. Bruder, Street Commissioner climbed down and now all is working fine. Mr. Silcox took a moment to thank Mr. Jeff Bruder and Chief Pawlik, Coolspring Fire Department for the tanker truck that helped assist in repairing the floats.

Park Department: Board President; Jim Ganschow in attendance to report:

- Ollie's Bark Park Grand Opening will be Saturday, September 07, 2019 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm.
- Police Department indicates that they will need 5 keys made for the gates for opening and closing dog park. Ms. Denham stated she also needed one key for the town hall as well.
- Mr. Ganschow states that the park looks good.
- Fall Festival will be cancelled this year, as the Bark Park Opening is the Park Board's primary focus. Park Board hopes to have a Fall Festival in 2020.
- Big R may donate, Amanda will reach out to Dr. Kora for donations as well. Perhaps someone could donate a 5-gallon water pump. Jennifer Heath will get something on the next-door app, Amanda will get a flyer to Joshleen / Steve for FB and the paper.

Planning and Zoning: No Report

Building Report: No Report

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance to report:

- Sergeant Eric Lisoski put in his resignation last month. Marshal Dick wanted to say how much he enjoyed working with Eric in the seven years of service he gave the town. He went on to say that he wishes him the best in his future endeavors.
- Town of Chesterton, Indiana to pay \$495.00 for Eric's vest, Clerk; Joshleen Denham to send invoice and W9 to Chesterton's Clerk Treasurer for payment.
- Bolt for Heart - 5k run will be September 8, 2019 at Washington Park, in Michigan City, Indiana
- Received applications for police department until August 05, 2019. Received 9 applications back. Marshal Dick indicated that he would like a bigger pool of applicants. He asked that council allow him to extend the application process for ten more days. Those that have already applied will still be applicable. November 2019 is the tentative for hiring one applicant to secure spot with the training academy.

Street Department: Street Commissioner in attendance to report:

- Ollie's Bark Park: Going smoothly, 90% of the work needed is complete. The park will be ready for the grand opening.
- Leaf Storage: Mr. Bruder indicates that he is still searching for a site.
- Large piles of trash around town, outside of cans provided. Mr. Bruder is having "door hangers" made up to have residents call Borden Waste Away for a special pick up.
- New Hire: Frank Rebac; part time street employee.

NIRPC: No Report; per Ms. Denham, they only meet once a quarter. Next meeting is October 01, 2019.

New Business:

- Ollie's Bark Park/Redwood Extension/Parking Lot: Walsh & Kelly invoices \$ 54,351.30, in budget and approved for payment
- John Doyle & Associates Invoices for oversight including Bark Park and INDOT CCMG 1" call \$ 30,388.10 (approved for payment)
- Nipsco: 2020 PLAN (Upgrading 153 streetlights to LED): Council agrees that lights should be the non-standard of 3000k, Joshleen will fax back to Nipsco.

Old Business: None

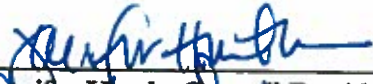
Public Comment: None

Clerks Comment: 2nd Call INDOT CCMG submitted August 02, 2019 per Clerk, Joshleen M. Denham. Will find out if awarded sometime late September or October 2019

Council Comment: None

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Studtman to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm; motion was seconded by Mrs. Gralik was then unanimously carried.


APPROVED:



Jennifer Heath, Council President



Scott Silcox, Council Vice President

ATTEST: 

Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer
September 17, 2019