



June 26 2024 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Robert Roa, MacKenzie Taylor, Addie Miller, Matt King, Rita Van Voorst, Joh Schlarb, Larry Randolph, Dana Rutter, Dean Smith.

Make a motion to approve meeting minutes from June 12, 2024. Dean made motion. Dana seconded. Upon voice vote the meeting minutes from June 12th were unanimously approved.

Street: Matt says the water line fixed was 4 inch, had to dig under the driveway because it wasn't where it was supposed to be. Cones and setup that remain will stay until everything else is fixed, said they are trying to avoid set up charges that take place. Larry asked if they will be up for a while, Matt says the roller will be used to even things out on the road. Matt says he will keep them updated as he finds out when things are being fixed. Dean asked anything else? Everyone says no.

Matt says they have just been busy helping Avery and filling in for Vernon with mowing and watering plants/ flowers. Dana says he has a complaint about the streets being cleaned and the speed limit on Larimer, why isn't it everywhere in town? He asked Matt when brush and leaf pickup are, Matt says they have specific days; Monday and Thursday and that the sidewalks in front of homes are owners' responsibility. Dean said they talked about trying to find a grant to put more sidewalks in. Dana says he has a question about the easements with trees growing up by powerlines Matt says its Nipsco's responsibility and the owners do need to contact them, themselves. He says they will only do the easement, not if trees are hitting cables. MacKenzie says to check into CCMG, that might be the cheapest for adding sidewalks Matt says if anything would be done on Elm Street a fence would have to be moved out and then sidewalk in. Larry asks about a sidewalk being really close to the road and Matt says we need to get ahold of Millersburg School to let them know so the fence gets moved for the sidewalk. Both sides of the road need it, everyone agreed. Dana says what about opening it up so that there is a gate and no one would have to worry about total removal. Matt says there is an opening by Willie Oberlin's house that does not get used. Dean says there would be a gap for a gate on the south side. Larry says it will never be used kids will walk on the street. Dana says then just worry about the one on Main St. Dean says let's see about tacking that on the grant for 2025. MacKenzie says yes Rick is still the rep for the year but we might look up for a backup for 2025. Dean says someone is asking for the speed limit to drop to 25 everywhere in town, or certain areas. Robert says Lincoln and Elm are biggest complaints and 13, but nothing can really be done about that one. Larry says it is a no-win situation because people speed based on where police are. Matt says last night a golfcart of kids were driving crazy but what can you do? Robbert says he is not sure about changing road speed changes. Dana says the expression place workers fly when they get out of work. MacKenzie asks about child at play sings? Wondering if

that will slow people down. Larry says that wont work. Dana agrees. Robert says a week ago there was an accident on 13 and Lincoln and a couple years ago a flashing light was turned down to go there because there have not been enough accidents. Larry mentions a 4 way stop Matt said good luck with that. Robert says state filled the road somewhere and he was surprised. Matt agreed he was shocked and says it looks good so far. Dean says let's move on but Dana says the property on Oak Street he's wondering if it has been sold and if so, what is the contact info? Because it looks terrible. Robert said he went to courthouse 3 years ago and they said it was sold, he says can we mow it? Matt said you cannot even get in there because it is so bad things are everywhere. Dana said we must figure out who owns it and get it looking better. MacKenzie says we need to just condemn it and there is another one on Main St that needs condemned too. Rita says John Bontrager's son owns the one on Mian and asks if MacKenzie wants the number? She says yes. Dana says so are you going to look into that with the health dept? MacKenzie says yes. Dean says it has been a while the property has been in this standing, before the woman even passed. They all agree it was bad. Larry says Robert what has been done about the rental in the cul-de-sac, Robert says it as been taken care of. Dana says he has 3 or 4 cars in front of his house and Matt says a house on Oak has a few cars Robert says he tagged them all but he will do a follow up.

Marshal: Robert says there was vandalism in the women's bathroom at cook station park. Four kids/ teenagers and that Ray did a report and thank goodness for cameras. They went to locate the suspects and brought Kyle in and he was able to get them to fess up Robert asked about prosecuting or just have them pay for the mirrors. Robert said the 14-year-old is defiant but doesn't have a record. Dean says where do you learn a lesson, which is better the judicial system or just pay? Robert says it is up to you guys because the park is owned by the town. Robert says the judge would make them pay. Matt said give them community service in the park on top of paying Mackenzie says she does not want to do that to Vernon, Robert says one is with his cousin in New Paris so he's waiting to talk to him because they can see them by the bathroom and go in but not actually who broke it. He wanted to tell them the situation and have council decide but to think about it before deciding. Dean says lets table to the next meeting and think about it. He motioned to table it and dana seconded. Robert says Durango came in but no floor mats are in and he called the company and they said they were not included. Matt says get weather tech because they are worth it and Larry agreed. Robert says \$2800 is what they got from turning the car in. Larry says they need to figure out how much it would be to fix the Ford car. Robert says it smokes bad after sitting a little bit when you take off, Larry says get it looked at because if it is a smaller bill that would be worth it. Dean says yeah unless it is like four thousand it would be good to do. Robert says the clerk's office is doing really good on writing letters to people. Dean says nice job girls.

Clerk: MacKenzie says Addie, Robert and Vernon have been working with her on the park stuff and she prays this playground will do ok until the fall in terms of being safe for the kids but that it is definitely time for it to go. Dana asks about tear down of the park. MacKenzie says we could do a community day and feed people if they come help remove it. Larry asked do we have money to do this? MacKenzie hands them a paper showing the budget and explained where it would all come from and that she plans to drain supplemental accounts that are not being used. Matt says good lord how much is this? Dana says almost \$170k Larry says we need to come up with a budget for 2025 and Dean asked about emergency meeting to talk about it. He asked if it would go into 2025 MacKenzie says yes, she thinks so, she wanted to jump on it right after Forest River is out of there. Larry says there is no reason RDC can't put money into it too. MacKenzie says we can support this project. She explains it will all be turf and ADA compliant. Dean made a motion to accept it and Dana seconded it. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved to enhance the park playground equipment at a cost of almost \$170,000. Rita asks about it and MacKenzie took her the pictures and Rita says it looks really nice and agreed the park does need to be re-done. She explained it is really big and the tot lot will be added and other areas will be targeted for updating next. MacKenzie asked for them to sign the paper and Dean did. Therefore, approval can be sent to Micah. Larry said he will get ahold of RDC.

MacKenzie said there is a new law coming into effect in January, she needs info from department heads and council. Matt says what do you guys think about me finding a new bed for the 09 pickup? Dean said see what you can find. He said if this happens, he will replace fuel line too. MacKenzie says nothing else but Dana says he has question, will we submit for the fall grant MacKenzie says yes and we will not have to pay for a resubmission fee for CCMG.

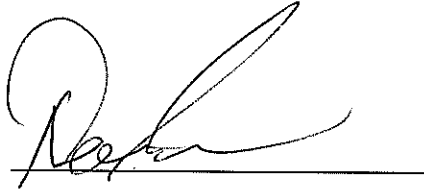
Old Business:

Dean said let's move to old business. Rita talks about Farmers Day and parking she said a sign will be thrown out on 13. Dana says let's bring up the chicken ordinance. He said there was a good point brought about the 50 ft clearance and the square ft for coop, maybe 36ft. He said why not make the 4 ft fence height fine because people shouldn't need to put a new one in. He says yeah just a one-time registration for chickens since we do not take one for cats and dogs. Larry says let's add on multi-family dwellings, if the other occupants agree to it to allow them to have chickens. Larry says just a one-time fee of \$20 and Dana says yeah if you guys agree. Larry says let's remove this section of the ordinance and the others agree. Dana says he just wants it put to rest. Matt says he found 1 rooster and the owner will have it removed in a couple days. Larry said people are not reading these which is a problem. Matt says he knows there are several hawks in town. All council members agree on notes made on ordinance. Dana says thank you MacKenzie.

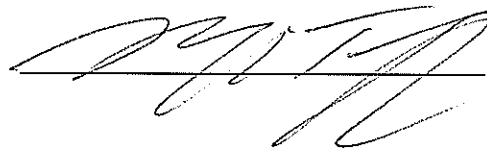
New Business: Dean asks about any new information? Matt says nope and everyone else agreed.

Dean made a motion to pay bills. Dana seconded the motion. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved to pay bills.

Dean made a motion to adjourn. Dana seconded the motion. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved to adjourn.



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