

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 5:00 P.M.**  
**KENTLAND TOWN HALL**

**Attending: Debby Shufflebarger, President, James Sammons and David Michael Rowe, Council Members, Rebecca Goddard, Attorney and Judy King, Clerk/Treasurer**

**The meeting opened by saying the Pledge of Allegiance**

**Charlie Doan and Michael Price wanted to know why the South Side Park was pushed back from the street towards the property that is owned by Mr. Doan. Ricky Hughes, Town Manager informed them that it was for safety reasons to keep the children back from the street. Mr. Price said that the swing set is only 35' from his bedroom window. Mr. Doan wanted to know the setbacks on the properties. Matt Wittenborn, Building Commissioner said the legal setback is 15'. Mr. Doan and Mr. Price wanted to know if there would be lighting in the Park, and it was told to them that there was no money in the budget for that. They also asked about restrooms and where told no restrooms will be provided. Mr. Price and Mr. Doan asked what will be done with the property line to keep others off the homeowner's property. Mr. Davis, Economic Development stated that there will be a partial fence with bushes on each side of that from the street to the ditch. Mr. Doan indicated that he did not want that park next to his property and no one else has to live beside a park. Mr. Doan also indicated that the park should never have been erected there and so many other, better options besides that piece of property to put a park in.**

**Steve Eberly from Hoosiers for Renewables was in attendance to let the Board know that if they have questions on wind or solar energy, there is a website available for them and they also may call him at any time. He is from the Pine Village area and they have put wind energy in the area and have also built a school from the proceeds. There is income to be made on these types of things.**

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER**

**Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:**

**3 final inspections**

**2 pending permits**

So many calls on fencing. An ordinance needs to be created on fencing to obtain revenue for this

#### **TOWN MANAGER**

Ricky Hughes reported on the following:

Pool leak has been repaired

Ricky has reached out to Cecil Whitaker from Whitaker Engineering In regards to stainless steel applied around the swimming pool for next year. Cecil will get with someone for costs.

Madison Dowden has not been paid for certifying the life guards. Judy King, Clerk, said she had spoken with Madison and he requested \$14.00 per hour. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to pay Madison Dowden \$14.00 per hour for his training.

The fence has been fixed at the pool

A new grate has been ordered for the pool

Basketball rim at the pool is ruined and a new one would cost between \$250.00 and \$300.00. Ricky was told by the Board to order a new one.

Pizza warmer has been fixed in concessions

Street sweeper is a total loss and we will received \$7,900.00 from the insurance company if we keep it and \$8,500.00 if they take it. A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by James Sammons to get rid of the street sweeper.

The walk bridged on Fourth and Carroll and Fourth and Holley need repaired. Ricky estimates \$1,795.52 will be the cost. A motion was made by Mike Rowe and seconded by James Sammons to have them repaired.

Ricky was contacted by REMC and they will be taking the old lights down around the football area at no cost to the Town.

Fence has been repaired at the old Fire House.

Baseball Concessions needs a grease trap and Ricky will be talking with them. The Board asked that Ricky get one installed at the cost of the Town.

Ricky has received one quote from J.R. Yoder to tear down the burnt building at 306 East Owen. It will cost between \$9,000.00 and \$11,000.00. Ricky is still trying to get additional quotes.

## **CHIEF OF POLICE**

**Julian Elson reported on the following:**

**139 service calls**

**65 traffic stops**

**23 ordinance violations**

**Julian would like the grass ordinance looked at. When grass is 8" in height and tagging the property to give them an additional 7 days to get the property mowed, is too long. It is too high to see if there is something in the grass and very hard on the mowers. We just need to revise the ordinance.**

## **FIRE CHIEF**

**Matt Wittenborn reported on the following:**

**5 fire calls**

**1 training**

**1 business meeting**

**Generator is installed and complete**

**Tim Deno is working on the Donor Plaque**

**Landscaping starts on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June and will probably take 2 weeks**

## **AVIATION**

**Jim Butler reported on the following:**

**Jim went to the Newton County Council in regards to money being requested for improvements at the Airport and was told that the Town needs to put in at least \$20,000.00. Jim would like approval to use \$20,000.00 from the fuel fund. A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Debby Shufflebarger to use \$20,000.00 from the fuel fund for the Towns match.**

**Monitoring System is working very well.**

**Storm Water System is working well and doing what was intended**

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Mike Davis reported on the following:**

Mike spoke with Jason Yoder about the Sr. Living Center and that Turning Point should have everything done and he will be getting with him on that.

The Task Force met with IMH and Everside for a presentation on the Wellness Center. They are still gathering information on space and a floor plan.

The Task Force is also continuing to look at Child Care.

Batton Park is pretty much rapped up and done.

South Side Park will have fencing and bushes put in on the north side of the swings. Shrubs on the west side. Still looking into ordering benches and a few other items.

#### **ATTORNEY**

Pat Ryan and Becky Goddard reported on the following:

Pat proposed a resolution for a legal description on Batton Park to transfer the property from the Town of Kentland to the Redevelopment. They will wait for Turning Point for a few other details and it will be ready to go.

The solar project that was brought to the Planning Commission has 90 days which will be 07/04/2022. A decision from the Town needs to be made on this and suggested that the meeting on 06/22/2022 would be soon enough.

Becky said a resolution for the parking lot on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street will be done to transfer from the Town of Kentland to the Redevelopment at the next meeting.

Letters have been sent for nuisance properties on Ray and Allen Streets.

Becky presented a sample ordinance for the Fire Works Ordinance. The Board reviewed and approved and Becky will have a final draft and the next meeting.

#### **CLERK**

Judy King reported on the following:

Judy received an invoice from FJF Services for 75% on the house grinder installed at the Holloway property. The invoice was for \$4,955.00. In the November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes an approval to pay 75% for the grinder at \$4,245.75 was approved. Judy was asking if the Board will pay 75% of the cost now or the \$4,245.75. The Board felt that the \$4,245.75 was very generous and that will be all that they are paying.

Judy inquired about the cost that she should charge for the South Newton Pool Party on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. They had always received a discount but with the Town being charged \$320.00 for pool certifications from South Newton the board indicated that the \$150.00 was not an unfair price to pay for 100 students to attend.

Judy will be getting a hold of Adam Decker in regards to the Tax Abatement for Marsha Mahan. Judy will see if he can come to the July 7<sup>th</sup>, meeting.

#### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Mara Davis asked if something could be done about the Franklin property. It is getting worse instead of cleaning it up. Julian and Ricky will get with Pat Ryan on this. Also, she inquired about the Grigsby properties. This will also be looked at.

Pat Ryan would like the area behind his house repaired after they repaved the walking path. Ricky will bring in some dirt to try and level it off. Pat also inquired about all the motorized vehicles on the walking path. No motorized vehicles are to be on the paths and signs will be posted to help prevent this.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 was to be Dr. Kay Boy Day and that has been changed to June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Debby received information on housing grants but when she reached out to KIRP-C in regards to this it was too late. The Board would like to start the process for the 2023 year.

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the minutes from May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the minutes from May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

A motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the claims.

A motion was made by Debby Shufflebarger and seconded by Mike Rowe to approve the financials.

Being no further business, a motion was made by James Sammons and seconded by Mike Rowe to adjourn the meeting.

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**Debby Shufflebarger, President**

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**James Sammons, Member**

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**David Michael Rowe, Member**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Judy M. King, Clerk/Treasurer**