

Town of Williams Creek

Minutes – Town Council meeting Monday, June 10, 2013

Attendance:

Present:

Robert Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer
Allen Kasper, Town Marshall
Steve Moss, Town Council Member
Fritz French, Town Council Member
Scott Preston, Town Council Member
Ellen Townsend, Town Attorney

Absent:

David Reese, Town Council President

Others present:

See attached attendance list.

Agenda and discussion:

1. Mr. French, serving as the meeting chair in Mr. Reese's absence, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. A quorum was reached with three council members present.
2. S. Preston moved that the minutes of April 10, 2013 be adopted as written, it was seconded by S. Moss and unanimously adopted.
3. F. French opened the floor for discussion of the Ryan variance request. Based on the feedback he received at the NCC meeting last week, Mr. Ryan advised the Council that he has asked for a continuance for the June 13 Planning Commission review.

Greg Zubek, attorney for Mr. Foglesong, reviewed the history of the properties along the easement off of Ridge Road. After much discussion and input from Town residents, it became clear that there is substantial opposition to Mr. Ryan's development proposal.

Mr. French stated that the Town's position, pending a second continuation of the DMD variance hearing on June 13, is to oppose the variance request. If the continuance is granted, the Town Council will reconsider its position based on new information from Mr. Ryan.

Subsequently, on June 12, Mr. Ryan withdrew the pending petitions, so the Town Council did not take any further action.

4. A. Kasper briefed the group on public safety. Meridian Hills continues to experience theft of copper guttering. Residents are advised to be aware of suspicious activity.

Also, there have been two recent cases of solicitors in Town which were dealt with by our deputies.

5. The Town's 80th anniversary banners have been mounted on the first of the new light poles. Also, signs have been posted at the Town entrances "No Soliciting/Police Patrolled". Thanks to the Reeses for making these two items happen.

6. Steve Moss is preparing the next newsletter to be published this summer. He solicited input for articles from all residents.

7. P. Hefner advised the Council that all foliage in the common areas survived last year's drought and winter weather. Also, she called for residents with corner lots to keep foliage trimmed back for good traffic visibility.

8. The Council directed R. Parrin to mail notice to all property owners of the plan to collect 2013 local property taxes in 2014. It will include an explanation for this deferral and the tax liability for each parcel as calculated by the Marion County Treasurer.

9. R. Parrin mentioned that the fire hydrants in Town are in poor exterior condition. Maintenance of these hydrants is now the responsibility of Citizens Energy. S. Moss offered to contact Citizens to arrange repainting of the hydrants.

10. R. Dickinson presented the newly published History of the Town of Williams Creek. Copies can be ordered through Emerson Houck of Ridge Road.

11. R. Parrin advised that the storm water erosion of the roadway at 80th and Morningside will be inspected by DPW to determine corrective action.

12. F. French presented the menu for the Town 80th Anniversary celebration to be held on a Monday this fall at the Hollyhock Hill. S. Preston and D. Reese will determine the date for the event and organize invitations to all residents.

13. R. Parrin noted that the SBOA audit for FY 2010 and 2011 has been received with no major findings. One recommendation is to document the election and term of the Council president by the Council in the meeting minutes.

14. Town attorney E. Townsend will research the legal guidelines for enhancing the 1992 Town ordinances and advise the Council.

There being no further business, F. French made a motion to adjourn, seconded by S. Moss. D. Reese adjourned the meeting.

Minutes recorded by Robert Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer