

Town of Williams Creek

Minutes – Town Council Special Meeting Monday, May 2, 2016

Hollyhock Hill Restaurant

Attendance:

Present:

Maureen Burger, Town Council President

Michael Wernke, Town Council Member

Matt Neff, Town Council Member

Ted Dawson, Town Council Member

Steve Moss, Town Council Member

Allen Kasper, Town Marshall

Absent:

Bob Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer

Others present:

Lynn Yates	C. Rogers
R. Dickinson	C. D. Reed
S. Scheffsky	A. Appel
P. Scheffsky	P. Nicely
B. Peyton	C. Mong
D. Foglesong	B. Stober
D. Fishman	K. Kothe
G. Scott	P. Hefner
B. Scott	

Agenda and discussion:

1. M. Burger called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. A quorum was reached with all 5 council members present.
2. Lynn Yates was proposed as new Town Attorney to replace E. Townsend who had previously served and asked to be excused from her duties. A discussion was held regarding Ms. Yates's qualifications and desire to serve. On motion to approve her appointment as Town Attorney by M. Wernke and second by T. Dawson, Ms. Yates was unanimously approved and appointed as Town Attorney.
3. A discussion was held regarding a presentation that was made at the April 11, 2016 Town Council Meeting by attorney Tim Ochs representing Williams Creek Manor, LLC, a real estate development company of resident John Bales and builder Steve Hoss. The developer was requesting support for two variances. The first was that a lot must face a public street with a right-of-way, and the developer was requesting a variance to build a private drive instead without at least 75 feet frontage. The second variance was for an exception to the minimum 150 foot width frontage requirement at the setback line. The developer was also requesting support for a waiver of the requirement to build sidewalks along the street in the proposed development. The developer requested a response from the Town Council prior to the scheduled Nora Community Council meeting scheduled for May 5, 2016 and before the Marion County Development Commission scheduled later in May.

After discussion was held regarding the requested sidewalk waiver, M. Burger called for a motion to support the request for a waiver to build sidewalks. Upon motion by M. Wernke, seconded by T. Dawson, a motion to approve the waiver to build sidewalks in the new development was unanimously approved.

After discussion to approve the requested variance for an exception to the minimum width of frontage at the setback line, M. Burger called for a motion to support the request for a variance. No motion was made. M. Burger then called for a motion to not support the request for this variance. Upon motion by M. Wernke, seconded by M. Neff that based on the information presented to date by the developer, the Town Council will not support the request for a variance of the minimum frontage requirement at the setback line was unanimously approved.

After discussion to approve the requested variance for an exception to the minimum frontage on a public road and to allow a private drive for the development, M. Burger called for a motion to support the request for a variance. No motion was made. M. Burger then called for a motion to not support the request for this variance. Upon motion by T. Dawson, seconded by M. Wernke that based on the information presented to date by the developer, the Town Council will not support the request for a variance of

the minimum frontage on a public road and to allow a private drive was unanimously approved.

4. Under new business a discussion was held regarding the Strategic Planning Session held on April 13, 2016. The following Vision Statement was agreed to by the Town Council: "The Town of Williams Creek is a safe and verdant community that strives to preserve civic pride through engagement of its citizens, stewardship of its resources and the exercise of its municipal structure under the laws of the State of Indiana."

A discussion was held regarding the Tier One and Tier Two issues resulting from the planning session. It was felt that the Town Council should first concentrate on the Tier One issues which were Regulation of Design/Construction, Community Safety, Sense of Place and Revenue Streams. M. Neff and T. Dawson would head up a committee to further study Community Safety, M. Wernke would head up a committee to further study Revenue Streams and M. Burger and S. Moss would head up a committee to further study Sense of Place. As part of the strategic planning L. Yates and S. Moss would review updating the current town ordinances.

5. There being no further business, on a motion to adjourn by M. Neff, seconded by M. Wernke, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

The next meeting of the Town Council is scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2016 at 7:30 pm in Hollyhock Hill restaurant.

Minutes recorded by S. Moss, Town Council Member