

Town of Williams Creek

Minutes – Town Council meeting Monday, April 13, 2015

Attendance:

Present:

Scott Preston, Town Council President
Steve Moss, Town Council Member
Maureen Burger, Town Council Member
Michael Wernke, Town Council Member
Allen Kasper, Town Marshall
Bob Parrin, Clerk-Treasurer
Ellen Townsend, Town Attorney
Ted Dawson, Town Council Member

Others:

See attached attendance sheet

Agenda and discussion:

- 1 . S. Preston called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. A quorum was reached with all council members present.
2. S. Preston asked for comments and a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 9, 2015. On a motion by M. Wernke, seconded by T. Dawson, a unanimous vote approved the minutes as written.
3. S. Preston opened a public hearing regarding land development in the southern part of Town.

M. Rabinowich briefed the Council on the pending variance request of resident J. Ryan to re-plat his current property at 7775 Ridge Road into two parcels. The variance is scheduled to be heard by MDC on May 19. It would require that the additional property be approved with no direct access to a public street.

G. Zubek, representing resident M. Foglesong, 7801 Ridge Road, expressed concern about adding traffic to an already congested access plus safety issues. A partial relocation of the drive was presented.

M. Foglesong addressed the Council regarding these concerns and a landscaping plan along the drive.

P. Scheffsky, 7899 Ridge Road, stated his opposition to granting the variance.

B. Tuohy, representing J. Bales, 7779 Ridge Road, advised that Mr. Bales completed acquisition of additional land adjacent to his current property in October, 2014. He proposed a new private drive, perhaps with a gate, that could be used for access to

several of the properties involved in the current plan. He stated that J. Bales is willing to cost share the construction of a new drive.

R. Palmer, 7785 Ridge Road, stated his support of reaching a resolution among all parties.

There being no further public comment, S. Preston closed the public hearing.

The Council thanked the presenters. The Council decided it would be premature to issue an opinion as there are workable compromises under consideration. The affected parties were encouraged to reach a global solution prior to the May 19 MDC hearing.

If no compromise has been reached the Council will render an opinion regarding Mr. Ryan's petition to the MDC prior to the May 19, 2015 hearing.

4. R. Parrin reviewed the March 31, 2015 financial report. Cash balances are good and there are no items of significance to report.

5. R. Parrin update the Council on the renovation project. All but three lights have been energized. The delay on the remaining lights are due to IPL failure to install meters. The contractor and R. Parrin are expediting IPL to finish the project.

6. A. Kasper advised the Council that the only incidents in the area have been thefts from unlocked automobiles parked outdoors. He advised residents to at least lock their vehicles and make sure there are no valuables exposed.

7. M. Burger gave a status report on the OneCall program to quickly disseminate emergency information to residents. 154 homes have enrolled to receive email or text alerts.

8. Formation of a Town Beautification Committee to create a unique sense of place in the Town of Williams Creek was endorsed by the Council. R. Parrin stated that the Landscape Fund is sufficient to undertake an initiative. The Council asked R. Parrin to approach Patty Hefner, Landscape Committee chair, about interest in forming the committee.

9. M. Burger advised that Welcome Packets have been distributed to several new residents. It is important that she be advised about newcomers soon after they move into Town.

There being no further business, on a motion to adjourn by S. Moss and seconded by M. Burger, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes recorded by R. Parrin, Town Clerk-Treasurer

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ROBERT PARRIN	
Allen Kasper	
SCOTT PROSTM	
MICHAEL WERNKE	
MANNEN BERGER	
JERRY RYAN	
PHILLIP SCHEFFSKY	
SHERRY OTTO SCHEFFSKY	
Gina Palmer	
Rob Palmer	
Dianne Fofesong	
Todd MOORE	
John Bales	
Mirya Rubinstein	
Steve Moss	
Dwight Estman	
Eileen Townsend	
Greg Zuber	