

MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF SPRING GROVE

November 14, 2017

HELD AT QUAKER HILL CONFERENCE CENTER

7:00PM

Board members present included Dr. Ernie Hendricks, Doug Brenneke, Ben Lukacek, Murlin Clark and Adolf Werner. Also present were Counsel A.J. Sickmann and citizens of Spring Grove.

The minutes of the October 10th meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Payment vouchers were circulated for approval and signature.

Legal Counsel Report:

Counsel reported that the deed had been executed for the donated piece of land adjacent to the Cardinal Greenway in Spring Grove Heights and that the recordation process was underway. An update will be provided at the December board meeting.

Current and New Business:

Introduction of Tammy Glenn – Motion for appointment as interim Town Clerk. Ms. Glenn was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. The Board unanimously agreed to appoint Ms. Glenn as interim Town Clerk given her qualifications and availability. The search for a permanent appointee will continue as well.

The board received an update from Mr. Werner that paving of Linda Lane and Sunset Drive was just completed as scheduled by Powell Paving, the awarded contractor. Mr. Werner requested that Powell prepare a quotation for the balance of Spring Grove Heights for future consideration. Any other areas of interest within Spring Grove could be requested as well, in addition to seeking quotation for the speed humps on Waterfall Road the board has agreed to continue to pursue. The board agreed to award the striping of the recently paved areas to Armstrong Parking Marking as no additional bids were received and the Armstrong bid was reasonable for the scope of work.

Members of the Planning Commission participated in a workshop with Steve Higgenbotham on October 28th to start the process of updating the Spring Grove land use, building and zoning ordinances to align with Indiana and local codes as a result of the approval and adoption of the updated Comprehensive Plan. Continuation sessions are planned monthly to complete the work and scheduling of those follow-up sessions is in process, with the next scheduled session being December 11.

The board reviewed bids for the seasonal Spring Grove snow removal contract. After reviewing multiple similar bids, a motion was made by Mr. Werner to accept the bid from the incumbent contractor, Rinehart Lawn Care & Landscaping. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clark and passed unanimously by the board.

Dr. Hendricks discussed the need for additional board members to achieve bonding given anticipated departures on the board. Mr. Brenneke agreed to pursue that step as needed.

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Mr. Werner announced his intent and presented the board with his letter of resignation effective at the conclusion of 2017. The board thanked Mr. Werner for his many years of service and numerous contributions to the Spring Grove Town Board.

Mr. Lukacek also announced that there is a likelihood that he may be required to resign as well due to a very recent and impending move from the area. This will be reviewed in the December board meeting. Given these pending departures, Dr. Hendricks expressed his willingness to continue as Board President for a limited period of time until the board is fully seated and new officers elected. The board thanked Dr. Hendricks for his willingness to continue to serve and agreed that it would be much appreciated given the current membership circumstances.

Further discussion occurred on the open positions on the Planning Commission, BZA, Town Board, and Town Clerk with input requested. Some potential candidates that have expressed initial interest are:

Ms. Shelley Irwin

Ms. Linda Haynes

Ms. Cindy Wright

Mr. Robert Erbs

In addition, current members of the Planning Commission as well as BZA may have an interest in joining the Board. The board will discuss further in the December board meeting.

Dr. Hendricks advised that the annual Christmas Party is scheduled for December 12th at 7:30pm at the Olde Richmond Inn following the monthly board meeting, which will be at a special time of 6:00pm to accommodate.

A motion to adjourn was made by Murlin Clark and seconded by Adolf Werner.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Brenneke