



Town of
INDIAN TRAIL
north carolina
PARKS, TREE AND GREENWAY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

May 2, 2012
6:00 PM

Members Present

Roger Fish
Justin King
Nydia Morales
Kim Nicholson
Ed Dubisz

Staff Present

Hillary Pace
Susan Didier
Rox Burhans
Craig Thomas

Call to Order: Chairman Fish called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Brian Olin, Alex Rohleder, and David Grant were absent

Approval of Minutes: March 7, 2012 **Approved**

Discussion items:

Introduction of New Committee Member Roger McWhorter

Ms. Pace advised committee that new alternate member Roger McWhorter was unable to attend tonight's meeting. She introduced Craig Thomas, Junior Planner, to the committee. Craig will fill in for Ms. Pace during her two month maternity leave.

SP 2010-002 Metrolina Academy Alt. Planting Plan Modification

Hillary Pace explained to the committee that because there was not a quorum at the previous meeting the information presented at that meeting was for discussion purposes only. She gave a recap of the Alternative Planting Plan to the committee so they could make an official recommendation. Ms. Pace presented the Planting Plans to the committee and explained the layout of the three phases.

Kim Nicholson inquired about the brush pile located within the buffer area.

Hillary responded that the brush pile will be burned within the next couple of months.

Justin King inquired about the trees being re-planted. Would they be replaced if they did not survive?

Ms. Pace advised the committee David Grant expressed it is to be expected that a small percentage of trees will not survive, but he recommends this plan.

The Committee agreed that the changes to the previously approved alternative planting plan are acceptable.

Roger Fish asked for a motion to accept the Metrolina Athletic Fields Alternate Planting Plan Modification as presented.

Motion was approved-Unanimous

SP2012-010 Fisher Textiles Alternate Planting Plan

Rox Burhans, Senior Planner presented. Committee was given proposal information and Alternative Planting Plan to review. Mr. Burhans explained that Fisher Textiles is proposing to construct a 22,500 sq ft. warehouse building along Matthews-Indian Trail Road.

Mr Burhans reviewed with the committee that the subject property is a fully wooded site containing many Heritage Trees.

Mr. Burhans discussed the proposed removal of 79 Heritage Trees with a potential for additional tree removals in the future and explained the need for the Alternate Planting Plan. The relocation process of approximately 100 “whip” trees was also explained to the committee and a summary of all work to be performed was given.

Planner Burhans opened the floor for discussion.

Committee member Ed Dubisz asked about the plans for trees not surviving transplant.

Rox Burhans explained that we would continue to consult with David Grant regarding the care and maintenance of the trees. He advised the committee that David anticipates a small percentage of the trees will not survive, however he feels this is an appropriate planting plan and recommends it to the committee.

Ed inquired about replacing trees that did not survive.

Rox responded that unless a whole section did not survive, it would not be necessary to replace the trees.

Justin asked about re-inspections.

Hillary expressed that normally one of the Towns Code Enforcement Officers would respond if a problem should arise.

Rox advised the committee that there will be other inspections throughout the process. He mentioned an inspection would occur after the transplant and before the sight clearing and another when the owners are ready to occupy the building. An inspection would be necessary prior to a C.O. being issued.

Roger Fish asked if the company is currently located in Indian Trail.

Scott Fischer, of Fisher Textiles replied yes.

Justin King asked why the third phase does not extend the full distance of the site.

Rox Burhans referred the committee to the site map. He explained some of the drainage flow issues to the committee. He spoke of recommendations being made for some clearing to occur and seedlings to be planted and pointed out the area that will more than likely be designated for a detention pond.

Rox Burhans asked the committee for a recommendation to the Planning Director.

Roger Fish asked the committee for a motion to approve the Alternative Planting Plan.

Justin King made a motion to approve the Fisher's Textile Alternative Planting Plan with a recommendation to the Planning Director.

Motion Approved- Unanimous

Crossing Paths Park Subcommittee Nominations

Roger Fish explained the recommendation of the committee was made by Town Manager, Joe Fivas.

The recommendation was for two members of the Historical Society and two members of the Park, Trees and Greenway Committee would form the subcommittee.

Roger Fish expressed to the committee Don Moore and David Collins were nominated by the Indian Trail Arts and Historical Society to represent on the subcommittee.

Roger Fish and Justin King volunteered to represent the Park, Trees and Greenway Committee.

Kim Nicholson made a motion to nominate Roger Fish and Justin King as members of the subcommittee.

Motion Approved- Unanimous

Roger Fish confirmed Nancy Jacobsen would be the alternate member for the Indian Trail Arts and Historical Society.

Hillary Pace advised committee Craig Thomas would be the coordinator of the subcommittee.

Mayor's Tree Education Initiative

Ms. Pace gave a slide show presentation summarizing the Education Initiative.

Committee discussed the success of the program and agreed it was a great experience for all that were involved.

The committee thanked staff for their efforts.

April Events Recap

Slide show of Community Planting Day and Earth Day Arbor Day plantings and activities.

Hillary reviewed with the committee the plants chosen for the park and explained benefits they will provide.

Justin King and Nydia Morales gave the committee an overview of the activities they assisted with at the Arbor Day Earth Day event.

Committee members shared their individual experiences of April Events.

Hillary Pace thanked Nydia Morales for providing a map of the “forest cover of the world” that was used during the Mayor’s Tree Initiative.

Topics for Next Meeting

Hillary Pace advised committee that on May 9th there would be a_Hwy 74 Study Workshop. It will be held at the Stallings Volunteer Fire Dept. at 5:30pm.

Rox Burhans explained that the Consultant Team, along with the participating towns in Union County, has developed some design concepts and they encourage the committee members to attend the meeting and invite other members of the community, as well.

Hillary Pace offered seedlings left over from the Mayor’s Tree Initiative to the committee.

Roger Fish added the 2011 Tree City Recertification Award to the Town’s current Tree City plaque displayed in the Civic Building.

Craig Thomas recommended reviewing the Park Plan would be beneficial to the new members of the committee.

Motion to adjourn- Approved

**Town of Indian Trail
Park, Tree and Greenway Committee**

_____ **Chairman** _____ **Date**

_____ **Secretary**