



Town of Indian Trail
Minutes of Council Special Meeting
July 12, 2012
Civic Building
7:30 P.M.

The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor: Michael L. Alvarez

Council Members: Robert Allen, David Cohn, Christopher King, Darlene Luther

Absent Members: David Waddell

Staff Members: Town Manager Joe Fivas, Senior Planner Rox Burhans, Deputy Town Clerk Trena Sims, Director of Community & Economic Development Kelly Barnhardt

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Alvarez called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Presentation of Park Design from Woolpert

Mr. Andrew Pack introduced the potential park plan designs for both Chestnut and Sardis Park sites. He briefly touched on the previous studies the Town has had performed, including the Park and Greenway Master Plan 2010, and how these two parks can be well incorporated into those existing plans.

In the 51 acre parcel, referred to as Chestnut Park, they recommend the nice heritage trees be kept and they also recommend that the existing home on the property be demolished. In looking at sustainability of the facilities at Chestnut Park, both cultural and natural factors were assessed in an "overlay system". Ranked areas of the site that were feasible for park development were broken into high, medium and low zones, with high being the best suited. The Chestnut Park concept includes, Carolina Court facility, "future" private development site, ornamental fence/gateways, "synthetic" multi-purpose fields, concession/restrooms, picnic shelters/"signature" playground, future community center, trails, dog park, public works annex area, pond/gardens/gazebo and parking areas.

In the 140 acre parcel, referred to as Sardis Park, there is some lower growth and also some large vegetation; try to maintain the trees for shade, buffering, etc. There are small ponds on the property that were not developed for retention; other uses by prior owners. Both cultural and natural factors were considered for this park as well. Some considerations are: sewer line and creek on property that are an approximate boundary for a portion of the park; floodplain/floodway must be preserved and can be positive for nature and for filtering water, no encroachment, fill or permanent structures are allowed in this zone unless demonstrated as "no impact". Some proposed amenities are: "synthetic" multi use fields, baseball/softball complex, interpretive nature area, youth baseball complex w/amenities, large picnic shelter w/amenities, soccer complex, Frisbee/disc golf course, greenway trail/5K loop, maintenance facility and parking.

Councilmember King feels that the Community Center at the Chestnut Park would be more captivating placed in a different location than is proposed; a more visual element of attraction for the park. After some discussion, it was also noted that the road by the park would be elevated and the view would look down upon the facility.

Mayor Alvarez addressed the ADA accessibility; staff has been looking into this and the site is fairly flat that should make the trails accessible.

Councilmember Luther noted that the dog park seems to be one of the number one items with people to whom she has spoken. She also feels that a water feature would be an asset as well.

Councilmember King stated that he took it upon himself to go out to the proposed Sardis Park after the storms and he took pictures of the flood plain area and they are available to anyone upon request.

Mr. Fivas stated that there will be opportunity for public input; this is a work in process.

ADJOURN

Robert Allen made a motion to adjourn
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

APPROVED:

Michael L. Alvarez

Attest:

Peggy Piontek, Town Clerk