



Town of Indian Trail
Minutes of Regular Council Mtg.
March 23, 2010
Civic Building
6:00 P.M.

The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor: John J. Quinn.

Council Members: Gary D'Onofrio, Jeff Goodall, John Hullinger, Robert W. Allen and Darlene Luther

Staff Members: Town Manager Joe Fivas, Town Attorney Keith Merritt, Town Clerk Peggy Piontek, Planning Director Shelley DeHart, Town Engineer Scott Kaufhold, Finance Officer Marsha Sutton, Tax Collector Janice Cook, Assistant to Town Manager Miriam Lowery, and Adam McLamb Engineering.

Press/Media: Marty Minchin of the Charlotte Observer.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Quinn called the meeting to order

COMMITTEE APPLICANT INTERVIEWS

All applicants were asked the same questions: 1) What motivated you to submit your application to serve on a Board for the Town? 2) What qualifications, experiences or perspective could you bring to the Board that you believe will benefit the Town? 3) What do you believe the Town has done well and what issues do you believe still need to be addressed? 4) Would you consider serving on another board, other than the one you have applied for? 5) If you could change one

thing in Indian Trail what would it be? 6) Would you consider serving as an alternate?

Below are the answers to these questions.

Brian Olin (Park, Tree & Greenway Committee)

1. Moved here about 3 years ago, like the town, does a lot of hiking, likes the outdoor would like to see a park here. Background in environmental
2. Likes the outdoors, has seen some wonderful parks and some underutilized. Has experience in development of properties.
3. It's a great town for families, growing town, many very nice families, have a lot of development, looking to have a park for people to congregate and stay in Indian Trail.
4. He has also thought about the stormwater committee, but feels he is best served on the Parks Trees and Greenway committee.
5. It would be nice to have a park closer.
6. Would consider being an alternate. Discussed his research work. Mr. Olin thanked the Council for having him and looks forward to serving on this committee and feels his back ground would make him a good candidate.

John Eigenbrode (Stormwater Committee)

1. The experience he has being on the committee for the past 3 years, his background assists him in providing guidance for stormwater.
2. The fact that he has worked with all the phases of construction and assists him to judge what is going on and feels his experience is valuable.
3. We have mapped all of our stormwater; there are things that need to be done, areas that are flooding, beaver dams, drains clogged. They have helped a lot of people and work with the state to serve the people in the town to assist with the flooding problems.
4. Currently serves on the Board of Adjustments. He feels they complement one another.
5. Not a whole lot. It's a small town and is growing and the direction we're headed if managed correctly we'll get there.
6. Yes.

Mr. Eigenbrode commented he would like to continue to serve on the Board of Adjustments.

Robert W. Allen made a motion to approve suspending the rules and moving the Engineers report up on the agenda to item 2a

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Kaufhold advised that the pavement reclamation operation is ongoing in the Beacon Hills Subdivision. The contractor is expecting to move over to Brandon Oaks Parkway in about two weeks. Town Seal should be delivered Friday.

Mr. Goodall inquired if Mr. Kaufhold requested Indian Trail acknowledgement on 485. He advised he has and is awaiting a response on that.

Mr. D'Onofrio inquired if we can get the railroad crossings looked into. Mr. Kaufhold advised

he will do so.

Mr. Kaufhold commented on the funding for the Monroe Bypass that Ms. Simmons acknowledged there are some funding issues and they are working on it. He anticipates an answer at the next MUMPO meeting.

Mr. Goodall asked if it was Union County Parkway verses Gaston County Parkway. Mr. Kaufhold advised that it's always been the Monroe Bypass and the Garden Parkway, and presented to MUMPO members that the Bypass is ahead of the parkway.

Nydia Morales (Park, Tree & Greenway Committee)

1. In every situation whenever a person applies for a position it depends on who is applying and who is best qualified. She knows that one of the requirements is knowledge in planning, engineering or horticulture and her background is in science. Long history in administration and provided other back ground information. She is very interested in the environment and increasing the value of the conditions in the area that she lives. Her background qualifies her to look at a project, find the practicality of it and bring it to fruition. She also has good diplomatic
2. She believes in trying to improve conditions and a personal interest in environment and finding a place where people can obtain recreational opportunities.
3. The town has done well in confronting big changes, the growth has been unexpected. It's very hard to adjust to the changes and the difficult economic situation. We can do better by trying to create more public areas like trails for more recreation.
4. Yes but her heart is in the one she applied for. Another one would be the Events Committee.
5. She would love to see more public trails. She believes if our young people had places to practice their sports. If money was applied to that we would save in other areas.
6. Yes.

Mayor Quinn went over her application and advised that one of the matters the committee discussed is reaching out to children. How does she feel about that initiative? She feels that it's very important and it's her plan to start an after school program. She advised you can get trees from the Forestry Department for free and has thought about organizing that in her neighborhood.

Ms. Morales expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to apply and feels it's a wonderful way to contribute to the community.

Kim Nicholson (Park, Trees & Greenway Committee)

1. Years of experience with planting gardens. She and her family love being out in nature and wants to bring all of that to Indian Trail.
2. In the South Charlotte area everything is manicured and she sees the beauty of this area and it's important to her and her children to experience that kind of climate.
3. There is a real sense of community here and that's part of what attracted their family to Indian Trail. There is a small town pride that is missing in a lot of communities and it means a lot to her family.
4. It would depend. She believes one's service is best where their passion is.
5. She does not have a good answer for that. She has not found anything that is not desirable yet.
6. She would consider it with more research.

Mayor Quinn commented on her application and asked her to expand on it. There is a nice mix

of trail system at Idlewild Park and feels that is something that is needed here. She believes kids get sucked into indoors when playing video games, she feels the kids do not get enough outdoors. She is excited about applying.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Council had no requests

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Jeff Goodall made a motion to approve agenda.
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one had signed up to speak

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Comprehensive Bicycle Plan - Approval to execute contract and scope of work.
- b. Union County Carolina Thread Trail Planning Grant Application
Endorsement of Grant application

Gary D'Onofrio made a motion to approve Consent Agenda
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

SELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jeff Goodall made a motion to approve all applicants including Reverend Chrisawn on the recommendation of the Committee Chairman and move Roger Fish up as a regular seat member.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Union West Rotary Request

Ms. DeHart reviewed the policy adopted by Council for the use of the banners and recognition of the event. She reviewed the event that is upcoming.

Mr. Hullinger inquired if this sets a precedent. Ms. DeHart advised that it is up to Council's discretion. Mr. Merritt advised that it is safe when left up to Council discretion.

Mr. Allen questioned it being a policy.

Ms. Luther inquired if there is a time limit set on this. Ms. DeHart advised this is a very vague policy and is always up to the Council's direction.

Jeff Goodall made a motion to approve Union West Rotary request to use Town's banner displays.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Fivas informed the Council that he and Mayor Quinn went to the Neighborhood's Association on Saturday. He felt it was well worth their time.

He was asked to mention the incinerator issues NCBMW plant in Matthews. In October 2009 the EPA changed the regulations on these facilities. The facility has until 2014 to come into those Federal Regulations. The Town of Matthews is looking to speed up that target date because of the emissions.

Mr. D'Onofrio thanked Mr. Fivas for the quick response. He received an email from a citizen and advised that he didn't have any knowledge on it and appreciates the initiative of Mr. Fivas. He asked about the April 1 date and what that implies.

Mr. D'Onofrio feels that if Matthews and Stallings have concerns, in the interest of being good neighbors, we might want to look into putting a formal request in.

Mr. Fivas advised that we could discuss the issue or compose a letter from the Mayor and Council voicing their opinion asking them to do whatever is necessary to speed up the process. Or we can discuss it at the next meeting and put it out for public comment.

Mr. Goodall expressed his concern is that individual municipalities to get into this, he suggests that if citizens have concerns they should get involved and send letters. He feels we should check with the Union County Health Department and see if they have done anything on it. He asked Mr. Merritt if he has any knowledge on it. Mr. Merritt advised only what he has read. Mr. Goodall asked if he would advise that we address this issue. Mr. Merritt advised that this body certainly has standing on this issue. Mr. Goodall asked if he recommends we get in touch with Union County. He replied that it would be wise to find where everyone stands on this issue and then determine what course you want to take.

Mr. D'Onofrio suggested that we direct staff to take a look at what, if anything, Union County has done, do they have a position; find out from the other municipalities where everybody stands and give us an update at the next meeting so we can consider where to go from there.

Mayor Quinn feels we should not be indifferent to other citizens and the wind does blow this way from time to time. He feels it would be in everyone's best interest if we show a concern. Mr. Fivas advised that we should invite anyone who can answer the questions Council has.

Mr. Fivas wanted to thank the Council on their hard work on the Goals and Initiatives and you will soon be seeing things for your consideration.

PLANNING REPORT

Ms. DeHart advised that the Thread Trail steering committee met today and interviewed 5 consulting firms and made a selection on the Trust for Public Land as the consultant. They anticipate the Grant will be awarded on May 4, and they expect work will begin that same week. She thanked the Jacobsen's for their assistance in the interview process.

Earth Day Arbor Day is coming along and provided an update on the event.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Goodall said to mail those census forms back they are very important to the Town of Indian Trail and he believes we will receive the results in the spring of 2011.

Mr. D’Onofrio proudly congratulated his son placed second in the Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby on Saturday out of 48 cars.

Mayor Quinn thanked the Earthday.net who identified Indian Trail as a town of interest with regard to the global day of conversation coming up on Earth day/Arbor Day and putting us up on their website Earthday.org; we are one of the featured towns and he thanked Ms. DeHart for working with them and getting a nice column highlighting some of the work we’re doing about environmental concerns.

Mr. Hullinger, Ms. Luther and Mr. Allen had no comments.

CLOSED SESSION

There were no items to discuss

ADJOURN

Jeff Goodall made a motion to adjourn

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Approved:

John J. Quinn, Mayor

Attest:

Peggy Piontek, Town Clerk