

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners
October 12, 2017

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on October 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Lynda Sossamon and Commissioners Mary Gelbaugh, Barbara Hamilton, Harold Hensley, Greg McPherson and David Nestler.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Paige Dowling (Town Manager), Amanda Murajda (Town Clerk), Eric Ridenour (Town Attorney), and Heath Jones (Police).

VISITORS PRESENT: J.K. Coward, Tanner Hall, and Holly Kays.

CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Sossamon called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Commissioner Nestler made a motion to add a presentation from J.K. Coward on Pinnacle Park and approve the agenda. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Sossamon reported that she had attended the Walk to School event at Fairview School as well as the Walk for Hope event the Police Department sponsored.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Gelbaugh commended the police department on the Walk for Hope and said she enjoyed attending the event. She reminded everyone that Treat Street would be downtown on Halloween and that the Police Department would be leading dancing in the streets for participants. Commissioner McPherson noted that Balsam Falls Brewing had opened on Main Street. He also added that he would like the Planning Board to review the food truck ordinance recently passed and address parking in public spaces because of food trucks using those spaces. It was the consensus of the board to have the Planning Board review the ordinance. Commissioner Hamilton also added her support for the Walk for Hope.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Dowling reported that Heritage Christian Academy had cancelled their conditional use request for the property on Falls Circle. Nicole Dexter and Jackie Laura have organized a craft fair for Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Bridge Park from 12-4 p.m. They serve on the MSSA promotions committee and plan to give the proceeds to MSSA. The trails at Pinnacle Park are all open. They have been reseeded to prevent erosion and the work came in under budget. Dan Schaeffer will reassess the condition of the trails in the spring to see if they need additional work. Schaeffer has also been working with Rusty Ellis reviewing the pool engineering report and maintenance. There will likely be a budget amendment to do work on the pool before next season. Dowling reminded the board that the Christmas Parade is quickly approaching and they will need to be thinking about what they would like to do for the parade.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: None.

PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE AMENDMENT SECTION 38-38: R1-A: REMOVE RUPDS: Mayor Sossamon opened the hearing at 5:38 p.m. Manager Dowling explained that the ordinance amendment was to correct an error found where the R1-A zoning district allowed residential planned unit developments. Those should not be in the R1-A district as it is the second most restrictive district. *Being no further comment, Mayor Sossamon closed the hearing at 5:52 p.m.*

NEW BUSINESS

PINNACLE PARK PRESENTATION: J. K. Coward spoke to the board about the clean-up work that had been completed on the Pinnacle Park Trail from the hurricane damage. He expressed his thanks to the Public Works Department and commended them on a great job. He told the board that the trail looked better now than it had in many years. Coward told the board that Main Spring had discussed the last part of the trail to Black Rock and would like to see it improved in one of two ways: a series of zig-zag trails could go across the ridge or re-route the trail to a better layout. Coward would like the board's permission to proceed with contacting volunteers to begin the work of re-routing the trail. He believes that the financial burden to the Town would be minimal because of volunteer work and that he would donate the \$500 he received from a TDA grant for the project. *Commissioner Neslter made a motion to give Coward the authority to move forward with the plan and agencies to re-route the trail to Black Rock. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT—SECTION 38-38: REMOVE RPUDS FROM R1-A: *Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the ordinance amendment. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT: The vacancy is a result of the resignation of Dwight McMahan and the resignation of his replacement, Emily Breedlove. *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to appoint Dawn Gilchrist to the Planning Board. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

CANCEL NOVEMBER 23, 2017 REGULAR BOARD MEETING: The November 23, 2017 Town Board meeting falls on the Thanksgiving Holiday. *Commissioner McPherson made a motion to cancel the scheduled meeting. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

CANCEL DECEMBER 28, 2017 REGULAR BOARD MEETING: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to cancel the December 28, 2017 scheduled meeting. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

CANCEL DECEMBER 21, 2017 PLANNING BOARD MEETING: *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to cancel the December Planning Board meeting. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

Lynda Sossamon
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk