

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners  
April 26, 2018

The Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on April 26, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room of Municipal Hall, 83 Allen Street, Sylva, N.C.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Lynda Sossamon, Mayor	Paige Dowling, Town Manager
	Barbara Hamilton, Vice-Mayor	Amanda Murajda, Town Clerk
	Mary Gelbaugh, Commissioner	Eric Ridenour, Town Attorney
	Harold Hensley, Commissioner	
	Greg McPherson, Commissioner	
	David Nestler, Commissioner	

**ABSENT:**

Mayor Sossamon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Rick Bryson (Assistant Police Chief), Tammy Hooper (Police Chief) and Dan Schaeffer (Public Works Director).

**VISITORS:** Jay Coward, Tanner Hall and Holly Kays.

**AGENDA:** *Commissioner McPherson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Jay Coward addressed the board and gave an update on the new trail construction at Pinnacle Park. He distributed a revised drawing of the trails to the board.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** None.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** Commissioner Gelbaugh commented that the litter clean-up on Saturday, April 21, 2018 was a success. She also added that the Opioid Crisis meeting with the county commissioners was helpful and that she had found needles in parks recently. Commissioner McPherson requested plants be added in the bump outs on Main Street. Commissioner Hamilton referenced Gelbaugh's comments on the Opioid Crisis meeting and would like to see action taken from the community.

**MANAGERS REPORT:** Manager Dowling reported that the muralist is scheduled to have elbow surgery forcing the art committee to cancel the "Meet the Artist" event scheduled during Greening Up The Mountains.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:** Dan Schaeffer reported that the Public Works Department was preparing for Greening Up The Mountains and would begin working on the Mill Street curb and gutter after the festival.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Police Chief Tammy Hooper reported that the police department has assisted the Sheriff's Department with the recent school bomb threats. Officers have completed monthly and annual in-service training. Hooper told the board that she would be following up on the Opioid Crisis meeting. She would also like to install a drop box for the public to use. She reminded the board of the Police Academy beginning May 1, 2018.

**PLANNING BOARD REPORT:** The Planning Board met on April 19, 2018 and heard a variance request from Nantahala Brewing. They are requesting a parking variance due to the 25 foot trout buffer setback. The Planning Board recommended the Board of Adjustments approve the request. The Board of Adjustment will meet on May 10, 2018 to hear the request.

**TWSA BOARD REPORT:** Commissioner Nestler reported that the TWSA Board had a public hearing on the state report of impact fees. He encouraged anyone wishing to comment to submit those to TWSA.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD:** Mayor Sossamon presented Jay Coward with the 2018 Volunteer Service Award given in recognition for his dedication to community service.

**COMMUNITY YARD SALE:** Commissioner Gelbaugh requested to have a residential community yard sale at Bridge Park for residents to participate in. Bridge Park is available on June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 14<sup>th</sup>. The sale would be first come, first serve for setting up. *Commissioner Gelbaugh made a motion to schedule a community yard sale on June 30, 2018 with a rain date of July 14 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** *Commissioner Hensley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 a.m. The motion carries with a unanimous vote.*

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Lynda Sossamon  
Mayor

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Amanda W. Murajda  
Town Clerk