

Violet Township Board of Trustees

August 19, 2015

Public Hearing

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to recess the regular meeting and go into the scheduled public hearing for Case No. 04-ZC-2014 Seconded by Mr. Weltlich. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes, Mr. Myers, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Others present: John Eisel, Director of Operations; Kelly Sarko, Zoning Inspector and; Peter Griggs, Township Legal Counsel.

Mr. Dunlap asked Ms. Sarko to briefly explain the purpose of this public hearing. Ms. Sarko explained this request is to modify the Winding Creek Planned District. She noted the original development plan called for a community center to be built on Winding Creek Section 5 Part 1, Reserve B. As the Homeowners Association determined they did not want a community center, the Developer gave the Association a cash payment. The Winding Creek Homeowners Association wants instead to build a shelter house and install playground equipment. This issue was considered during the November 5 and November 19, 2014 public hearings. The matter was tabled as the Township Trustees wanted the Homeowners Association to obtain a consensus on their proposal. She said the Association has surveyed their members and is present to provide that information to the Board.

Eric Boerger, 8470 Morgan Street, Pickerington, said in March 2015 they mailed a survey to all 187 homeowners in Winding Creek. He said 128 (68%) were mailed back. He said to encourage surveys to be returned they included a self-addressed stamped envelope and they placed signs in various locations in the subdivision requesting owners to return the surveys.

He said the results of the survey were: 60 for the playground and shelter; 16 for the playground; 1 vote for the shelter only; 28 votes for open space/sports field/nothing; 3 requested tennis courts; 1 for a dog park, pool and community garden, 5 had no preference; 4 wanted to sell the property for home development, which he noted they are unable to do. He said 8 surveys had suggestions for additional improvements in the subdivision which they are being completed. He said 60% of the residents wanted the playground and shelter house.

He said they have started to collect bids for the project. He said the shelter house will be smaller, only large enough for a couple of picnic tables.

Mr. Myers asked if they would be connecting the sidewalk on Rocky Creek to Winding Creek Way. Mr. Boerger said they would and it would have ADA compliant curb ramps. The concrete company would also be installing the concrete under the shelter house.

Mr. Dunlap asked what size shelter they are proposing. He said due to the budget they are proposing a 16 foot wide hexagonal shelter.

Mr. Myers asked if the mailers were sent to all the residents of Winding Creek. Mr. Boerger said they were. Mr. Myers asked if the patio homes were included in the mailing. Mr. Boerger said no as they are not part of the Association. He noted they would be able to use the facility.

Mr. Dunlap asked if the playground would meet the applicable standards, requirements and have a suitable base. Mr. Boerger said they are working with Jason Hickman with Service Supply and he is familiar with the code requirements for playground structures. He said the playground will meet the national requirements for playgrounds and will be ADA compliant.

Mr. Weltlich asked if he knew the number of children in Winding Creek. Mr. Boerger said there are two bus stops for middle school students and 2 bus stops for elementary school students and said there are probably 60 to 80 children.

Mr. Weltlich asked when they would be ready to start on the project.

Mr. Boerger said their Annual Homeowners Meeting will be held on September 24th and would like to provide their members an update on the request.

The Trustees noted it is their practice to close the public hearing and to vote on the request at their next meeting

Mr. Dunlap made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:10 p.m. on Case Number 04-ZC-2014 and return to the regular portion of the Violet Township Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Myers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Dunlap, yes; Mr. Myers, yes; Mr. Weltlich, yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Sauer, Fiscal Officer

Joniann Goldberg, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

Terry J. Dunlap, Sr., Trustee

Harry W. Myers, Jr., Trustee

Gary P. Weltlich, Trustee

Date: _____