Planning and Zoning Board

Minutes

Thursday, November 16, 2006

7:00 p.m.

The Blowing Rock Planning and Zoning Board met on Thursday, November 16, 2006 for their regular scheduled meeting. Vice-chairman Albert Yount called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Ron Mace, Cullie Tarleton, Nelda Miller, Sue Sweeting and Webb Alexander. Members absent were Jim West and Jim Steele. Staff members present were Planning Director Kevin Rothrock, and Administrative Assistant Sherrie Pitts.

Ms. Sweeting made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Mace. All members were in favor of the motion.

Items of Business

Picnic Shelter in Memorial Park

Mr. Rothrock gave the staff report to the board in reference to the Parks and Recreation Department's proposal to construct a picnic shelter to the north side of the park restrooms. The shelter will provide cover for four tables and will be approximately 20 feet wide and 30 feet long. The roof would have architectural shingles to match the existing restroom building. The shelter will be stained to match the restrooms as well.

Ms. Sweeting requested consideration for a wheelchair accessible picnic table and that the ground also be conducive to wheelchair access.

Mr. Horne, resident, commented that Winterfest was always looking for community projects to help with. He also stated that other organizations might be interested in helping support this project.

Ms. Sweeting made a motion to approve the picnic shelter using the hip roof to be consistent with the bathroom design, add a wheelchair accessible table and if money allows add stone to the design. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.
Tree and Landscape Ordinance Update
Mr. Rothrock stated that there was nothing to report at this time on the Tree and Landscape Ordinance.
Windmill and Wind Energy Devices
Mr. Rothrock advised the board that if they wanted to prohibit windmills a draft ordinance could be prepared for the December meeting. If they preferred other guidelines the subcommittee would need to work on further information.
Vice-chairman Yount requested any draft ordinance be designed with regard to changing technology.
Magazine and Newspaper Stands
Mr. Rothrock advised that the subcommittee needed to set up a meeting for discussion on magazine and newspaper stands when information is available.
Other Business
Mr. Tarleton announced that due to the recent elections he was resigning his seat on the Planning Board.

Mr. Rothrock updated the board on the Master Sign Plan and the information/directory sign for the park.

Mr. Rothrock gave an update on the Hanna building construction on Main St. and commented that the walls had been poured. So far there has not been any problems or complications with this project. Mr. Rothrock also mentioned the Kiker building construction on Morris St. was moving along well and there is now some rock on the exterior.			
Ms. Sweeting made a motion to adjourn. Ms motion.	. Miller seconded the motion. All members were in favor of th	e	
<u>Adjourn</u>			
With no further business the Planning Board	adjourned at 7:41 PM.		
Albert Yount, Vice-chairman	Sherrie Pitts, Administrative Assistant		