



**VILLAGE COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 28, 2020
ASSEMBLY HALL
395 MAGNOLIA ROAD
PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA
4:30 PM**

The Pinehurst Village Council held a Regular Meeting at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 28, 2020 in the Assembly Hall of Pinehurst Village Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst, North Carolina. The following were in attendance:

Mr. John C. Strickland, Mayor
Ms. Judy Davis, Mayor Pro Tem
Mr. Kevin Drum, Councilmember
Ms. Lydia Boesch, Councilmember
Ms. Jane Hogeman, Councilmember
Mr. Jeffrey M. Sanborn, Village Manager
Ms. Beth Dunn, Village Clerk

And approximately 18 attendees, and 5 staff members.

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Strickland, called the Village Council meeting to order.

2. Reports:

Village Manager

- Earl Phipps, Police Chief, will be retiring August 28, 2020. The Village will be starting a robust process to select a new Police Chief. He noted that he is very happy for Earl and what the future holds for him.

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- Mayor Strickland encouraged the public to continue to be safe and practice social distancing.
- Councilmember Hogeman stated she and Mayor Strickland attended the Pinehurst Business Partners meeting yesterday and heard concerns from the merchants in the Village.
- Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated the US Kids golf began last week and it is always exciting and fascinating to see the kids play.
- Councilmember Boesch explained the teens with Pinehurst Robotics interviewed 6 police officers with the Pinehurst Police Department for the Coffee with Cop program they started. She shared some of the questions the teens asked and also shared a video clip of the interviews. The full video of the interviews can be viewed at pinehurstrobotics.com.

3. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

All items listed below are considered routine or have been discussed at length in previous meetings and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will be held unless requested by a member of the Village Council.

- Approval of Village Council Meeting Minutes.
 - July 10, 2020 Special Meeting

- July 14, 2020 Regular Meeting
- July 14, 2020 Work Session
- July 14, 2020 Closed Session

End of Consent Agenda.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Hogeman, seconded by Councilmember Drum, Council unanimously approved the Consent agenda, by a vote of 5-0.

4. Discuss and Consider a Resolution Appointing a Chair to the Beautification Committee.

Molly Rowell, with the Beautification Committee, introduced Dee Johnson. Ms. Rowell explained that Ms. Johnson was the head of the Horticultural Program at Sandhills Community College for 18 years and is a landscape designer. Mayor Strickland asked if Ms. Johnson has any experience with Manning or Olmstead styles. Ms. Johnson explained she has studied their work in the past. Councilmember Hogeman stated there is such a broad amount of work done by the Beautification Committee and thanked Ms. Rowell and Ms. Johnson for their work.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Boesch, Council unanimously approved resolution 20-06 appointing Dee Johnson as the Chair of the Beautification Committee, by a vote of 5-0.

5. Discuss and Consider an Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map.

Darryn Burich, Planning and Inspections Director, explained this item was to continue the discussion from the July 14th Public Hearing to consider an official zoning map amendment for 10 Azalea Road, Village Chapel. The property is currently zoned Public Conservation District (PC) and the proposed zoning is Public Conservation –Conditional District (PC-CD). Adding the conditional overlay would allow the Village Chapel to construct a 7,197 square foot Christian education building on their campus. Mr. Burich reviewed the proposed conditions in the ordinance as of now, and noted originally there were 5 conditions and now after the public hearing and discussions, staff have revised those to 10 conditions.

Mr. Burich explained that the Fire Department did clarify that the driveway will be required to be a 20 foot to allow fire apparatus on the property. Pete Bogle, Bogle Architecture, reviewed the parking area changes and playground buffer to comply with the suggested conditions. Mr. Bogle explained that they will use the grass paved to widen the driveway and are hoping this material will be classified as previous surface and will not count towards the impervious surface allotment.

Mr. Burich reviewed each of the current proposed conditions with Council for discussion. Jack Wood, with Village Chapel, noted the Chapel is not in favor of the proposed condition to grant an easement, at this time, to the Village of Pinehurst for future sidewalks until a plan is presented for the sidewalks so they could see the impacts. Councilmember Boesch stated she would like to record the intent for the future, should the need arise for sidewalks. Councilmember Hogeman explained she would like strike the easement language from the proposed condition for sidewalks. Council discussed the possibility of memorandum of understanding to memorialize the idea of sidewalks. Councilmember Drum stated that if we have a condition to allow the easement for the Village of Pinehurst to install sidewalks in the future then we should add that the impervious surface created by the sidewalks would not count as impervious surface against Village Chapel's allotment of 31%.

Council reviewed the proposed uses allowed on the property and the waiver of the requirement for a minimum 5 acre site for religious institutions and came to a consensus on both. Mr. Burich review the proposed condition for Village Chapel to plant 25 longleaf pines to replace the trees removed for the construction of the new building. Mr. Bogle reviewed the landscaping plan to plant buffers and replace the pine trees and noted that 25 pines trees would be extremely tight just to get them to grow. Councilmember Boesch read a letter from Leonard Tufts in 1923 which spoke to planting trees on the Chapel site and that too many trees would completely obliterate the value of the building. Councilmember Hogeman stated she agrees that maybe only 10 to 12 pine trees should be planted. Council discussed and agreed on re-planting a minimum of 12 long leaf pines to replace those removed.

Mr. Burich reviewed the condition concerning the buffer around the parking and playground area. Mr. Bogle stated that they would like to count the existing pine trees towards the buffer requirement around the playground. Council also discussed the condition to relocate the proposed planted buffer along Village Green East to proposed west façade area of the proposed building. Council

agreed to combine both conditions, concerning the buffer, together. Mr. Bogle stated the proposed condition that the playground surface should be pervious with no permanent playground equipment wouldn't be a problem.

Council discussed the proposed condition that the lighting in the parking lot would be congruent with "dark skies" character. Councilmember Hogeman suggested adding to the condition that the lights in the parking area and driveway should be turned off at 9:00 p.m. or at the conclusion of an event. Mr. Bogle stated the lighting currently on the site stays on all night and they haven't had any complaints. Ashley Smith, Associate Pastor of Village Chapel, cited safety concerns as youth and other groups return from trips after 9:00 p.m. Mr. Sanborn stated that the landscaping buffer helps to address the concerns with lighting on the site by shielding the lights from the residential area. Mr. Bogle noted that the parking lot lights wouldn't create any issues offsite as the first pole light would be 200 feet from the property line. After some discussion Council and Village Chapel agreed that only the driveway lights would shut off at midnight (12:00 a.m.)

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Hogeman, Council unanimously approved ordinance 20-07 amending the official Pinehurst Zoning Map and approving the general concept plan for Village Chapel with the following conditions:

1. The Village will permit a maximum impervious coverage of 31%. Any public walkways installed by the Village on Village Chapel property in the future shall not count towards the impervious coverage allocation for Village Chapel.
2. On-site stormwater treatment for newly created impervious surfaces will be captured via installation of underground stormwater catchment devices capable of capturing stormwater from a 25-year storm event.
3. The Village will not require the applicant to install public sidewalks as required by Section 9.16.1.8(A)(4) along existing street frontages.
4. The conditional zoning limits uses of the property as limited to the following:
 - a) Religious Institutions
 - b) Playgrounds
 - c) Concealed Wireless Facility
 - d) Accessory Buildings
 - e) Accessory Structures
 - f) All Temporary Uses permitted in the PC Zone
5. The Village waives PDO Special Requirement 18 (SR-18) requiring a minimum 5 acre site for religious institutions.
6. The Village Chapel will plant a minimum of 12 longleaf pines to replace trees removed for construction of new facility and parking area.
7. The Village Chapel shall install landscape buffers for parking and the playground as follows:
 - a) Install a Class 1 buffer around the playground and in lieu of the required buffer along Village Green East relocate the understory trees and shrubs to the east façade of Heritage Hall.
 - b) Planted buffer landscaping must be consistent with the palate of shrubs and understory trees identified in the "Village of Pinehurst Planting Guide" as referenced in Appendix E of the "Village of Pinehurst Historic District Guidelines, 2019."
8. The Heritage Hall playground surface shall be pervious with no permanent playground equipment installed.
9. Any new lighting shall:
 - a) Any new pole mounted lights shall have the same decorative style as the lighting in the adjacent Village Green.
 - b) Parking lot and driveway luminaires shall be full cutoff per Section 9.8.1.2(B)(2) of the PDO with a maximum mounting height of 16 feet.
 - c) Lumens for installed light fixtures shall be no greater than 0.0 lumens at the property lines.
 - d) Lighting along the Village Green East Drive shall be turned off at midnight (12:00 a.m.).

and that the proposed amendments to the Pinehurst Development Ordinance are consistent with the goals outlined in the 2019 Comprehensive Plan and are considered reasonable and in the best interest of the public as referenced in the memorandum dated July 23, 2020 from Daryn Burich, Planning and Inspection Director, by a vote of 5-0.

6. Discuss and Consider Changes to the Retirement Recognitions and Gifts Policy.

Angie Kantor, Human Resource Director, sated the policy committee has reviewed the Retirement Recognitions and Gifts Policy and have recommended changes. The committee recommends changing the policy to include eligibility and guidelines for employee service awards and retirement recognitions in one policy. The committee is also recommending to update the cost of retirement gifts for Public Safety employees based on current trade values. Currently, public safety employees with 5 to 10 years of service are eligible to purchase their sidearm (Police) or helmet (Fire) for \$400 and \$300 respectively. Based on current trade in values, the committee recommend reducing the sidearm cost to \$300 and the helmet cost to \$200.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Boesch, seconded by Councilmember Drum, Council unanimously approved resolution 20-07 amending the Policy on Retirement Recognitions and Gifts for the Village of Pinehurst, by a vote of 5-0.

7. **Other Business.**

No other business was discussed.

8. **Comments from Attendees.**

There were no comments from attendees.

9. **Motion to Adjourn.**

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Davis, seconded by Councilmember Boesch, Council unanimously approved to adjourn the regular meeting, by a vote of 5-0 at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Dunn,
Village Clerk

A videotape of this meeting is located on the Village website: www.vopnc.org

Vision: The Village of Pinehurst is a charming, vibrant community which reflects our rich history and traditions.

Mission: Promote, enhance, and sustain the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors.

Values: Service, Initiative, Teamwork, and Improvement