

MINUTES OF THE
SUMMERFIELD ZONING BOARD
SUMMERFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER
October 24, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 8:19 pm by Nancy Hess.

2. INTRODUCTIONS:

Nancy Hess, Chair
Dick Feulner
Richard Lovett
Kathy Rooney

Trudy Whitacre
Jeff Davis (Alternate)
Chris Anderson, Town Planner
Carrie Spencer, Clerk

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Feulner made a motion to approve the agenda, Ms. Hess seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Feulner made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 26, 2011 meeting, Mr. Lovett seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review results of Sign Ordinance Open House

Mr. Feulner asked what the next step was and Mr. Anderson stated he was looking to the board for suggestions. Mr. Anderson went through the Visual Preference Survey comments looking for consistency and explanation of why individual signs were liked or disliked. Some suggestions from the board included:

Have a “sundown clause” for portable signs where they have to be pulled inside at night.

Suggest the size of a monument be in proportion to the size of the sign face.

Limit the amount and type of light in lit signs (e.g. limit LED and “up” lighting)

The board commented that it was a great presentation and a nice job done by Mr. Anderson.

Ms. Whitacre asked Mr. Anderson if he was going to work with Sue Philips on sign design for Summerfield Farms. He stated that she is not allowed to have all the signs she has, but he has been lenient to encourage farming and agricultural based businesses. There were comments that the property would probably be used as an agri-tourism facility and good for the community.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Updates from committee members:

Mr. Feulner and Ms. Whitacre stated that there is nothing pressing on the Guilford County Open Space agenda, but there were lots of things pending. There was a question as to what happens to the land that conservancies buy, such as the (former) Austin Mills property purchased by Piedmont Land Conservancy. Whitacre explained that for Guilford County Open Space properties, a committee creates a stewardship plan for how the property can be used by the public but remains preserved.

B. Updates from Town Planner:

Mr. Anderson stated that there was a Department of Water Quality error in a chart for the Jordan Lake Ordinance for New Development, and a text amendment is necessary. Mr. Anderson stated that the text amendment could wait for a January board meeting, and the board agreed to cancel the November and December meetings unless a case compels them to meet.

Staff will email the 2012 submission date calendar for the board's comments, along with a copy of the most current roster. Mr. Lovett stated that this was his last meeting, and the board agreed to recommend Mr. Davis as a permanent member.

The board suggested leaving the sign ordinance materials up for the council meeting the next night, hoping for additional comments.

Mr. Lovett made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Rooney seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 9:20.

Nancy Hess, Chair

Carrie Spencer, Clerk to the Board

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