## **MEETING MINUTES**

# PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING SESSION

## PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN HALL, 14 E LAKEVIEW DR, NINEVEH, IN 46164 September 1, 2022

COUNCILORS PRESENT: COUNCI

COUNCIL PRESIDENT GREG NELSON

VICE PRESIDENT MIKE GALLAMORE

COUNCILOR KAREN HARRISON COUNCILOR PHILIP MONTARSI COUNCILOR BRYAN TEARMAN

CLERK-TREASURER PRESENT:

ERICA LYDEN-GIGER

Council President Nelson called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Council Vice President Mike Gallamore stated Utilities Superintendent Scott Blackwell would like to fill the vacant front desk position.

### After discussion;

Council Vice President Gallamore made a motion to allow Mr. Blackwell to fill the vacant front desk position. Councilor Bryan Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mr. Gallamore also opened discussion about the recent town survey and what projects the Council would like to move forward with completing.

Discussion was made to add a new basketball court to the Town Hall Park. Councilor Tearman will continue to work on getting bids and purchasing lights for the court. Council President Nelson will get updated bids for the asphalt. Mr. Tearman suggested having a budget of \$50,000.00 and believes it will cost less than that.

Councilor Phil Montarsi would like to continue to purchase more playground equipment with the help of Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger. He suggested having a budget of \$50,000.00 to spend on playground equipment.

Mr. Gallamore also stated the need to remodel the old concession stand and make some necessary ADA upgrades. He will have a budget of \$50,000.00

Mr. Gallamore also stated he would like to see the walking trail expanded. Mrs. Lyden-Giger stated she and Public Works Supervisor Mike Miller, have spoken about this. Mr. Gallamore presented an old drawing of expanding the walking trail. Councilor Karen Harrison said she thinks a lot of people would enjoy that. Mr. Montarsi stated he can head up the project to expand the walking trail.

After discussion, Council consensus was to add new playground equipment to both parks, add a new basketball court to Town Hall Park, remodel the old concession stand building and expand the walking trail.

Mr. Gallamore also stated he spoke with grant administrator, Kristy Jerrell about the need to establish a Park Board. There are grants available through the DNR and a Park Board must be established in order to receive funds. Mrs. Lyden-Giger stated this is a time sensitive issue and if we wanted to apply for grants in 2023, then a Park Board must be established by November 15 of this year. 3 meetings must be held and they can be held 3 days in a row. Discussion was made about using a DNR grant to add a splash pad. Mrs. Lyden-Giger stated a lot Towns are adding splash pads now for their communities. It is a draw to the community and it is future thinking. Mr. Gallamore stated if anything is going to be done with the parks like adding a splash pad, a Park Board needs to be established.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger stated she would like to change the renewal date of the dental insurance to January 1 instead of November 1.

### After discussion;

➤ Councilor Montarsi made a motion to change the dental insurance renewal date from November 1 to January 1. Vice President Gallamore seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

With no further business before the Prince's Lakes Town Council, Council Vice President Gallamore made a motion to adjourn at 5:18 P.M. Councilor Tearman seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Lyden-Giger
Clerk-Treasurer

Council:

Council President Greg Nelson

Council Vice President Mike Gallamore

Councilor Karen Harrison

Councilor Philip Montarsi

Councilor Bryan Tearman