

MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF SPRING GROVE

April 12, 2016
Held at Quaker Hill
7:00 p.m.

Board Members present: Adolph Werner, Norma Wright, Ben Lukacek, Ernest Hendricks, Murlin Clark
Others: Joseph Kaiser, A.J. Sickmann, Carol Polver, Darrel Honaker, Pat Hendricks, B. Collins

President Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Hendricks introduced Steve Higinbotham, Wayne County Inspector. He identified his credentials and history of work and laws which have undergone changes in 1957, 1979 and 1981.

He focused on Home Rule and the intricacies of its authority as well as the restrictive nature of state laws, notably those laws that limit or regulate land use. Steve discussed due process and zoning, adding comments regarding arbitrary or capricious decisions.

He distributed copies of the master plans being followed by nearby communities as well as a booklet entitled, "The Community Planning Handbook."

He then explained the legal duties of the board, the plan commission and the BZA and how each must conform to the separation of powers, citing laws from IC 36-7-4-201, ET. AL.

In other business, Dr. Hendricks commented on the issue of civility and the need for it to continue and reviewed the spring clean-up procedures in effect April 29 to May 1.

A.J. Sickmann, Spring Grove Council, explained the interlocal agreement regarding Waterfall Road has been approved by the county commissioners and the county sheriff, but the county auditor has indicated that a sum must be paid by Spring Grove into the Officers' Retirement Fund. Mr. Hendricks indicated his approval of the town's paying this additional fee.

The Jaycee House is holding a reconstruction project.

Minutes of the March meeting were considered, with Mr. Lukacek moving approval, seconded by Mr. Werner. Unanimous.

Mr. Hendricks announced that he will be absent during the May meeting.

Mr. Clark moved that Mr. Hendricks be nominated for Spring Grove President, seconded by Mr. Werner. Passed unanimously. Mr. Clark moved to nominate Mr. Werner as Spring Grove Vice-President. The vote was 4 for, 1 against.

At 8:53 pm, Mr. Clark moved, seconded by Mrs. Wright to adjourn. Motion approved.

Joe Kaiser

Murlin P. Clark

Adolph C. Werner

Norman Wright
Ben J