

Zebulon Board of Commissioners
Retreat
Minutes
March 24, 2022

Present: Glenn L. York-Mayor, Beverly Clark, Shannon Baxter, Larry Loucks, Quentin Miles, Jessica Harrison, Joe Moore-Town Manager, Lisa Markland-Town Clerk, Mike Clark - Planning, Sheila Long – Parks & Recreation, Eric Vernon-Attorney

Mayor York called the meeting to order at 9:00am. The Board and staff met at Braven Environmental.

INDUSTRIAL PARK TOUR

Town Manager Joe Moore presented that the group would be walking through various businesses in the Zebulon Industrial Park . The tour included Braven Environmental, Kam Tool and Die, Gert Noel Innovation Center and Vinventions.

The Board and staff did a walking tour at each facility and learned about various manufacturing companies in Zebulon. They learned about what was made and how it was used locally as well as nationally and globally.

The group enjoyed a box lunch together at Vinventions.

PANEL DISCUSSION

After lunch representatives from each business was present and talked about why they choose to come to Zebulon and what needed to happen for them to stay. The main points that came out of the panel discussion was that they loved the small town feel and that staff was easy to work with to make things happen for them whereas in other places they had been there were quite a few roadblocks.

The panel also said that they saw a need for housing that their staff could afford, places to eat for their third shift personnel and they also stated that they saw the need for Wake Tech to bring back trade school training. Each of them stated that they would love to partner with the Town to do things and looked forward to collaborating with them in the future.

PLACEMAKING

Joe Moore and Mike Clark talked about the social district and shared the information about the survey that was done. There was a great deal of discussion about what was occurring right now and what they would like to see. There was discussion about patrons being targeted for DUI and how that would be managed.

The Board talked about what they were hearing from the public and stated they would like to get more input from the public to determine what the best options would be for the Town. There was also discussion about a hybrid approach where alcohol would be allowed on adjacent property like the sidewalk and the activated alleyways

Mike was asked about what Mitch Silver talked about when he was brought to Town recently to speak with Staff and the Park and Recreation and Planning Boards. Mike said that Mitch Silver explained that they had to open things up for public use so the Town was inviting and public spaces used. Towns were more vibrant, accessible and active when this occurred. He went on to say that your policies/ordinances have to match what you are saying that you want to happen and then make it happen.

It was decided that a public hearing on alcohol on adjacent property at the April 4th Board meeting.

The Board asked for information that presented from the survey and Mike said that he would get that information to the Board.

Commissioner Baxter made a motion, second by Commissioner Loucks to adjourn the meeting. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

5/2/2022
Date

Glenn L. York
Glenn L. York—Mayor



Lisa M. Markland
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