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Planning and Zoning annual report for years 2014-15

It was noted in 2014 that there was a question whether P&Z was necessary in a town which had no zoning. The resultant arguments were the following:

1. It involves more citizens in the town's decisions.
2. P&Z does more research on issues than the council has time for, and can present their findings to the council.
3. There are goals in the General Plan that should be implemented.
4. The consideration of use permits add another layer of community input into the decision making.

Therefore, we have done our best to follow those recommendations. In that capacity:

1. We considered a request for a tiny home to be placed on a lot in town. Since there is no zoning for recreational vehicles to be occupied full time, it was recommended that it be denied.

The owner then rebuilt the existing small home and improved the neighborhood.

2. We recommended that the council create specific specifications for future road projects and that they be designed by a licensed architect.

3. Created a Junior Planning and Zoning committee of juniors and seniors from the public schools. We also learned they are too busy with their lives to find time for meetings.

4. Considered the following:

a. a sprinkler system in the park

b. continuation of sidewalks

c. resurface roads.

d. A laundry, camping facility for people coming in off the Arizona Trail.

4. Sharon Calvert presented information on the Dark Sky project with a recommendation that the town include lighting in the County building inspection codes . She also provided them with an extensive study of the Dark Sky Project and outside lighting.

Kate Musick was welcomed into the Planning and Zoning board as a new member in 2016.

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