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# Failure to Communicate

## Hendricks County Zoning Appeals

The Hendricks County Board of Zoning Appeals met on October 16 to consider several variance requests, one in particular of interest to certain Brown Township residents. One item, an appeal of the planning director's denial of a permit to Beazer Homes, 530 E CR 100S, was continued. Nine requests for variances from development standards from all over the County were considered. The requests varied from setback requirements, slight adjustments to building size and allowances for buildings either constructed before standards were in place or built without permits.

I have attended several board and commission meetings and, for some reason, panel members as well as their staff, seem reticent to speak into the microphone to assure meeting attendees hear and understand what is being said. This meeting was no different; in particular, Tim Dombrosky, the planning director, was rarely audible enough to allow attendees to discern the points being discussed with the panel.

Three variance requests were in proximity to Brownsburg. One, in Middle Township, dealt with a request to increase the height of an accessory building by a couple feet to bring it in line with neighboring structures (passed). The second, in Brown Township, allowed a front porch to be added to a decades-old ranch house encroaching but not crossing the right-of-way (passed). Most folks in attendance, Austin Winds residents, were there for the third, also in Brown Township, a request to allow a large barn be built as a wedding venue on 20 acres north of 86th Street (CR 1000N) on N CR 800E.

The 20 acres are located directly across 800E from the Austin Winds subdivision, all zoned AGR, located on the corner of CR 1000N and CR 800E. The couple requesting the variance proposed to also renovate two small barns on the property that currently block the view of Austin Winds residents from the wedding barn. The couple had consulted neighbors on CR 800E about their plans and attempted to address some concerns with the intent that 12 acres would remain cropland and days and hours of operation would be restricted. They would not seek an alcohol permit but would allow caterers to serve alcohol to wedding guests. They anticipated operating 8 months/year with average number of 146 guests and 60 cars – 60 events tops.

Most folks commenting on the proposal cited the peace and quiet of the area, that stars could be seen when sitting out at night, and how little traveled is CR 800E such that joggers and dog walkers routinely use it. Many said they had lived there 24 or more years and believed the noise and traffic brought by the wedding venue was not in keeping with the area. One resident said noise traveled there so well that an outdoor radio could be heard across the subdivision; noise from the venue would not be muffled. One suggested it be built on Ronald Reagan Parkway when it went through. One speaker mentioned the County land use/corridor plan and that the wedding venue deviated from that plan for the area; it did not conform to how surrounding land was used.

Citing inconsistent use, better places existed in the County to build it, and residents' rights to the quiet enjoyment of their *cont. to pg. 6*

## Brownsburg Little League Update

After months of positive negotiation with the agent for the Hoosier Athletic Center, unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in reaching a purchase agreement. In addition, we were informed that they were not interested in a short term lease arrangement. We were told that they have an offer on the table that put a purchase/lease outside of our means. While the HAC would have been an ideal location for us to transition to, it is not going to work out.

We have reached out to the school corporation about land that they have available. Discussions are ongoing about possibilities there for a long-term solution. In the short-term, BCSC has agreed to let us use school facilities, as they are available, to make-up for the lose of Diamond 1. Our plan for 2018 is to run ages 5-10 at the remaining four fields in Arbuckle Park and use BCSC facilities for our majors, senior league and Challenger divisions. As we finalize these details we will share additional information with the public.

We remain very optimistic about reaching an agreement for a long-term solution for facilities in the near future. Most importantly, we have a plan in place to meet our short-term needs. Brownsburg Little League will continue to operate at very high level and provide the experience our community baseball players deserve.

If you have any questions about the BLLB, please don't hesitate to reach out to [info@brownsburgbaseball.com](mailto:info@brownsburgbaseball.com).

## Dave Richardson Remembrance



November 3rd 2017 "Dave passed away a few days ago. He had been fighting different cancers for awhile. He passed with Julie and his older sister Deb at his side. He had hoped to see Noah start playing football on the senior football team. Noah is in the playoffs for a Championship. All of his siblings were able to visit the last few weeks. My brother will be missed by many. He was a great man that affected many people's lives. He leaves a Great Legacy."--  
*Bill Richardson*

Dave served the residents of Brownsburg and surrounding area as Town Councilman from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2014. Dave's opening remarks during his first town council meeting-- "I am honored and humbled by this opportunity to serve my community. It's only been my 13th day but it has already been a true eye opening experience. None the less I look forward to contributing honor and integrity to the many challenges facing our community today." established a benchmark which he met or exceeded, and his legacy serves as the gold standard for all public servants who have followed in his footsteps. He was an ardent supporter of this publication, while he and I had public and private disagreements, I feel lucky to have known him, and that he called me friend. -- *The Editor*

*You may not receive the governance you vote for, you always receive the governance you tolerate. -- The Editor*

# LETTER TO / FROM THE EDITOR

## “Perception is reality”

During the October 26th Town Council meeting, Jim Waggoner stated there was little reason to take over the county drains which reside within the town’s incorporated limits as the county’s numbers show it is not economically feasible. In addition, the county did not have plans to address the inflow and outflow of these drains beyond the town’s limits which would result in a losing battle. This has been the status quo for years. Lacking from this council was any clear directives to the town manager and his staff, to establish goals, objectives, and deadlines, how to partner with Hendricks County within these constraints to address these matters in a timely fashion, and to report their progress on this matter back to the council.

At the October 26th, Town Council Dennis Dawes said *“I think there has been some confusion when the public has looked at our budget for 2018 and in particular monies that are being in that budget for the Parks department. I would encourage everyone who is listening tonight or sitting out in front of us to go to [LOCATION OMITTED BY THE EDITOR] and look at what has put on there as an explanation. And then what councilman Worley said tonight as we look at this additional purchase of land for the parks department. We are actually increasing the operating budget for 2018 in the parks department by 7.5%. And we are looking at additional land for the parks department. So, I think there is confusion that we are trying to reduce the amount of monies spent or reduce the work that is being done by the parks department. That’s not the case at all. All of us are very supportive of what’s going on. We’re thankful that the parks board has hired Travis and that is a very positive thing as well.”*

Unfortunately, Dennis failed to provide any information which supported his & the town’s position via normal communication channels (Town and/or Parks websites, Facebook and Twitter accounts or press releases). As a result, this publication omitted the location Dennis provided during his speech as it is not a legally sanctioned town communication channel.

After the meeting I approached Grant, Brian, and Dennis, asking for a more detailed explanation regarding Dennis’s comments which were clearly directed at this publication’s September edition. Grant explained “Your publication is wrong, we did not cut the park budget as you published”. My response “The paper is accurate to the public record. The numbers quoted in the September edition are taken from your presentation (Grant) to the Town Council Dated August 30th specifically pages 34 and 67. You did not provide any details regarding the fund adjustments, verbally in any meeting, nor in your presentation.” I also noted the publication is written from the perspective of someone who does not follow town governance closely.

Grant did his best to offer his explanation, which I found difficult to follow. Mid-way through Grant’s second explanation I suggested to Grant, that the paper is accurate to the public record (specifically his presentation), if he would like to provide additional details to put his 2018 budget in perspective please submit a letter to the editor. I will happily print unedited whatever he concisely provides. My only stipulation was the email must be sent from his account and signed by Grant. Following this discussion, I sent a formal request to Grant, copying the entire town council and a follow up reminder of my request two days prior to its 1 week deadline (Please see the pdf edition for a copy of the letter this publication sent to Grant).

Unfortunately, Grant chose not to provide the public additional clarification to his August 30th budget presentation.

After the council meeting, I continued to seek clarification meetings one on one with other members of public service, who are charged with overseeing these matters. It was clear there is frustration within these ranks regarding the inconsiderate, bordering on negligent, approach the town manager took delivering the 2018 budget given the public’s heightened interest in the project commonly referred to as the “rec center”.

This underlying frustration publicly surfaced during the October 30, 2017 Special Joint Town Council & Park Board Meeting held to announce the 1.2mil + purchase of new parklands (Wilber Tague’s property) and approval to proceed on an non-exclusive naming rights to a future “rec center” with I.U West. Grant was evasive when responding to Park Board member Phil Utterback’s line of questioning -- Do you have general time frames when this project will happen?

Where will the facility be located? Have we conveyed to I.U West that the Town of Brownsburg is committed to this project? Hoping to clarify the matter Brian Jessen said the project was at least 5 years off. Dennis Dawes recalled the council has only publicly discussed the “rec center” being located on the Arbuckle property. The entire discussion’s tone, tenor and delivery did little to clarify the matter. In fact, it aggravated those in attendance when the “at least 5 years off” date

was mentioned.

Using history as our guide, the town has a well established track record of saying one thing and doing another. This publication and members of the public who closely monitor these events are skeptical the “rec center” will come to fruition in any form in any reasonable time frame.

The town’s rhetoric does not align with its actions:

Why have multiple town councils & park boards and this town manager, not addressed the public’s desire for a “rec center”? A need so clearly stated in the town’s last three citizen’s surveys (taken across the last six years).

The West side of the town center project took the town between 18 to 24 months from its formative stages to the earth moving seen today. A complex project comprised of three developers, significant infrastructure improvements, loss of park lands, little notice given to already established recreational activities and untold millions given away in improvements and incentives.

Yet similar monies were not made available to the “rec center project”, while the public is being told by their elected, hired, and appointed public servants this single structure is more than 60 months away at the earliest.

Recently various public servants went on the public record as stating the town has no plans for a “rec center” in the foreseeable future. Or suggested redirecting food and beverages monies away from the parks to other projects. Do these public servants represent the town, their constituents who they serve, or their own agendas?

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I.U. West recently announced an 83mil dollar expansion of their facility. Given the instability in the current health care / insurance climate their non-exclusive naming rights agreement does have an unspoken shelf life. Likely much less than 60 months.

To Phil Utterback's (unanswered) question,

### JUST HOW COMMITTED IS THE TOWN TO THIS PROJECT?

If in fact the town council and other elected, hired, and appointed members "care about the parks", more consideration would have been given to clarify Grant's budget presentation by Grant himself and later by the council after the multiple readings and public hearing, Annisa Rainey (communications & media relations), the Park Board and executive staff in light of the public's recent heightened interest and sensitivity to the "rec center" topic.

Anecdotally, there is a clear and long standing disconnect between the public's desires, and the "vision" held by Grant Kleinhenz, Dennis Dawes (Ward 1), Chris Worley (Ward 2), Brian Jessen (Ward 3), Sean Benham (Ward 5) Troy Austin (Vice President Redevelopment Commission), Matt Simpson (Redevelopment Commission), members of the Park Board and Staff, and Ashley Bascu (Ward 4). Likely this disconnect contributed to Phil Parnin's recent departure.

### "What we've got here is failure to communicate"

Strother Martin  
(as Captain, the prison warden in Cool Hand Luke - 1967)

### On a lighter note:

October 26, 2017 Kurt Disser asked the Town Council -- Did you read the brief your attorneys submitted to the appellate court ? Did you understand it? Brian remarked he had read it, but did not answer that he understood it. Brian clearly you did not read and/or understand the Town's brief submitted to the appellate court. On pages 41 and 42 of the town's brief it states that Brownsburg has a mayor, however Brian your name is not mentioned.

This publication extends the opportunity to the public at large or any elected, hired, and appointed public servants to share their perspectives on this or any other matter by requesting a meeting or submitting a signed letter to this publication. -- *The Editor*

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## October Town Council Highlights -



### October 12, 2017

Ms. Bascu gave the meeting to order followed by an invocation by Chaplain Tim Hughes and the Pledge of

Allegiance led by Webelos pack 303 and 398. All members of the council were present this evening.

Citizens comments on this evening's agenda brought a comment from Mr. Dawes recognizing a retired 3 star General from the National Guard Dr. David Wilmot with his son Daniel who is working on his Eagle Scout designation. Ms. Bascu then read a proclamation for Red Ribbon Week and declaring Brownsburg Red Ribbon Week October 22-28th.

Jonathan Blake gave the Development Services report. He indicated a Year to date 26% increase in single family home permits over last year. However, inspections have went down this year. Through September over 190 permits anticipate around 240-250 for the year with the average assessed value right around \$250,000. At the end of July the person filling the full time GIS position left for a better opportunity. The town took the opportunity to redesign the job description and hire an entry level planner instead. The Board of Zoning Appeals case load decreased this year due to the UDO policies that have been put into place. Lastly, the town is working with INDOT to reconfigure 900E and US136 intersection looking at a possible figure eight roundabout which would make a single crossing for the train instead of the four way crossing that is there today.

Next on the agenda was previously considered items starting with Ordinance #2017-25 the 2018 Town of Brownsburg and Fire Territory budget. This was the 3rd reading and final adoption. Mr. Kleinhenz reviewed that the budget is balanced with taxes being lowered from .9404 to .9209 and a verified assessed value for the town of \$1,322,537,387. the ordinance was passed without much conversation 5-0.

Next on the agenda was Ordinance #2017-12 which was a recommendation for zoning text changes to the UDO based on new legislation. This ordinance was started earlier this year and sent back to the planning commission due to legislative changes that needed to be incorporated. Just before this meeting, the town received a letter from Duke Energy voicing concerns for parts of the new ordinance and the town has met with HendricksPower which also voiced concerns. From those two conversations more changes will need to be made. Mr. Kleinhenz asked the council to pass the ordinance on second reading and let staff make amendments before the third reading at the next meeting. The council passed on 2nd reading 5-0.

Under new business was the first reading of the salary ordinance for 2018. the council received a red line version of the 2017 ordinance. A couple changes noted was that the town was starting to stratify some of the positions to allow for career growth and to be able to align salaries with other towns ranges for the same type of positions. Staff also noted that time in service pay does not pertain to the fire territory. The wage analysis was completed and will be implemented over time. The town council passed the ordinance on first reading.

Last was a motion to authorize the town manager to enter into a cost recovery agreement with a current homeowner at 4392 Eastside Drive. The town extended a sewer main to the property so they could connect to town utilities. The homeowner asked for a cost recovery agreement because now other homeowners on the street want to connect. the agreement will allow the homeowner to recoup some of the cost he incurred for the sewer main. The agreement will be in place for 15 years. This was approved 5-0.

Under clerk Treasurer items Ms. Hathaway announced that the Eaton Hall rental refund is now written in the contracts and will allow

for reimbursement to happen closer to the event.

Citizen's comments brought Jim Sering to the podium. He wanted to remind everyone about the brick flag pole pillars at the front of Arbuckle Park entrance which were installed in 1968 need to have a plan on their new location.

### October 26th, 2017

The meeting was opened by Ms. Bascu who stated that all members were present. There were no citizen comments to open the meeting. After consent items, the council moved to bid awards. There was one bid award needed for the sidewalk at Northfield at Wynne Farms. This is the last item for the Wynne Farms Board from the annexation agreement. This is a project to fill in the sidewalk on Northfield Drive through the Wynne Farms development. The contractor is willing to complete the project in 2017 weather permitting. If that happens, the Wynne Farm Board can be disbanded at the end of the year. The bid award was approved 5-0.

Next to the podium was Chief Grimes with the Police Department report. The only comment he made was about the tragic death of the Brownsburg police K9. An investigation into what happened is being launched. Because of the circumstances involved, the funeral arrangements will remain private. He also noted that 27 people attended the citizens academy for the police department and graduation was that evening.

Next was Chief Alcorn who announced that the community safety day on October 7th was well attended.

During department reports was the legal drain report from Jim Waggoner. This became an issue with the Cadence Subdivision request and with flooding during heavy rains this summer. The council had asked staff to do an assessment on whether the town should take over the legal drains from the county that run through Brownsburg. The report took longer than expected because the county had just completed their assessment. After reading the assessment from the county where only two drains were listed as excellent and the rest were good to poor and seeing the amount of money the county had to correct the drains which in some cases was \$0, the recommendation from staff was NOT to take over the legal drains in the town because the town only controlled within the corporate limits and if the county is not taking care of the inflow or the outflow, it would be a losing battle. Money was put in the budget to help the intersection of College Avenue and Odell but only to help with overflow not to correct the problem. The town will continue to work with the county to try help with the overflow situations.

Next under old business was the Zoning text changes to the UDO which was passed on 2nd reading at the last council meeting but this evening staff was asking to have it tabled. After discussions with Duke Energy and HendricksPower, they did have valid concerns which staff is working through with legal. The council voted to table the ordinance until the November meeting.

Next on the agenda was the salary ordinance for second reading. There were two amendments to the ordinance. First to remove the GIS technician since it is part of a planner I position now. Second to clarify the payment to board member when two meetings happen back to back on the same day. When asked it was noted by Ms. Hathaway that it was considered one meeting not two meetings from a pay perspective. The ordinance was passed as amended on the second reading.

New for consideration was a resolution to approve additional appropriation for three items which was the purchase of a new fire truck (\$300,000), the money for the bid award at Wynne Farms from earlier in the meeting (\$22,500) and money to purchase park property (1.2 million) which will be discussed on October 30th. The resolution comes to approximately 1.6 million dollars. *cont. to pg. 6*

## Oct. BCSC School Board Report



The Brownsburg Community School Corporation Board of Trustees recognized the largest number of National Merit Scholarship Finalists and National Merit Commended Scholars at the regular October 9, 2017 meeting. Dr. Snapp commented on the students many and varied interests (from choir to robotics) and their goals for the future. Many held leadership positions in the organizations to which they belonged.

Mr. Voigt reported on the purchase of 8 buses with 3 buses traded. This brings to 103 the number of legal vehicles maintained by BCSC. BCSC realized \$126,000 in rental fees from outside groups using facilities.

Mr. Bower, reporting for the absent Mrs. Heffernan, reported that school employee payroll deductions provided for 12 scholarships.

With the Public Hearing occurring during the September Board Meeting, the budget for 2018 was adopted with little discussion. The recommendation to approve a resolution to provide pension bond to neutrality by Mr. Gardner was also approved. This is one of the recurring resolutions required by state law.

Mr. Voigt recommend the Board approve 3 construction contracts which may complete the work done on the Brownsburg High School. Bid packages #18 and #20 were for Masonry and Bid Package was for phase 2F roofing.

Dr. Snapp congratulated Assistant Superintendent Kat Jessup on obtaining her PHD. Now we have Doctor and Doctor at the head of our school corporation. High School Principal Bret Daghe is close to completing his PHD also. Dr. Snapp reported that five other administrators are working toward obtaining a PHD also. A workshop is scheduled for the 3rd Monday on October 30. - *Anne Sering*

## October Park Board Report - *Anne Sering*



The Brownsburg Park Board met on October 19, 2017. Many items were updated.

The Personnel committee received 140 applications for the position of Assistant Director of Operations and Development. Some will be selected for phone interviews. Of those some will be selected for in person interviews with an offer being made in mid-November.

The Bundy Lodge upgrading of the interior is almost completed. An November ribbon cutting is being planned.

A memorial policy is being developed in order to have consistent standards for donations of trees, benches, etc. A master plan will also include plans for maintenance. Mentioning trees: It was reported that ACE Hardware donated 25 trees for planting in the parks. The fall tree sale sold 177 trees which will make Brownsburg greener!

The winter walk in the park will be set up mid-November. The Christmas parade Under the Stars will be taking place again this December. Many activities are being planned which include a stop at the Park Office for hot cocoa and cookies.

Although not mentioned during the meeting, the approval of the 51 acres on West Main Street was not denied prior to the meeting. With the approval by the Town Council what once was Wilbur's Lincolnwood toy store and adjacent land will become a park and serve even more children. A big thank you to the Tagues.

The next Park Board meeting will be November 8, 2017.

## Brownsburg Elementary Students Participate in Invention Convention

Brownsburg elementary students participate in the annual Invention Convention each spring. Student inventions are displayed for the entire school in a science fair format. The culture of innovation created by this assignment has produced some national attention for Brownsburg over the years. Ellen Degeneres welcomed two Brownsburg inventors to her show in 2009. In 2014, Jimmy Fallon featured the "Pizza Decrustifier" by Braeden, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student from Brown Elementary.



Maria DeLong - Pleasant Awakening Alarm Clock

The following year Fallon invited Isaiah, a Cardinal Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grader, to show off his "Snow Blower Shoes." Maria is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Reagan Elementary, and now her "Pleasant Awakening Alarm Clock" is one of 5 finalists for the National Frito-Lay Dreamvention inventor search. Maria's teacher, and other Brownsburg teachers encourage their students to submit their inventions to various organizations and contests after the convention.

If Maria's invention is selected, she will win \$250,000 and says she would put the money in a college fund to pursue her dream of becoming an astronaut. Voting is open at [www.mydreamvention.com](http://www.mydreamvention.com) and each person can cast one vote per device per day. One random voter will also win \$1000 each day. Voting is open through November 27<sup>th</sup>. *BCSC Press Release*

## Brownsburg police K9 fatally struck by car after escaping enclosure



It is with great sadness that we inform our citizens of the passing of Brownsburg Police Department K9 Darro. On Wednesday, October 25th, 2017, at approximately 9:00 PM, K9 Darro was struck by a vehicle at 56th St. and Northfield East Dr. in Brownsburg.

There is an active investigation into the events that led up to this incident.

What we know at this time is that K9 Darro was last seen in his secured enclosure in the backyard of his handler's residence on October 25th at approximately 8:30 PM. At approximately 9:00 PM, same date, Brownsburg residents had been attempting to secure an unidentified black German Shepherd that was on the loose in the area of 56th and Northfield Dr. The K9 was struck by a vehicle without fault on behalf of the driver of that vehicle. A Brownsburg Officer was flagged down and completed a crash report. The K9 was transported to an animal hospital, but had already died at the scene from his injuries.

On Thursday, October 26th, 2017, in the early morning hours, it was discovered that the unidentified K9 that was struck was our very own Brownsburg Police K9 Darro.

It is unclear at this time how K9 Darro got out of his secured enclosure. This is one of the main objectives of the investigation. K9 Darro's Handler is working closely with the Department to plan his partner's funeral service arrangements. The service will be an internal service and not open to the public.

*Article and Photo Courtesy Brownsburg Police Department - Press Release.*

## October Town Council Highlights - *continued from page 4*

This was an advertised public hearing. Most of the conversation centered around the purchase of the new fire truck. The fire engine is a ladder truck which would be a back up truck and would replace the current back up ladder truck that is having service issues. It is a 2015 demo truck that has never been put into service and it comes with all the warranties. This seems like a good investment considering the service issues with the current truck. Chris Worley made a point to say that the 1.2 Million for the park department shows the towns commitment to continued growth of the parks department.

For the public hearing, first to the podium was Brent Pittman who asked who was paying for the new ladder truck for which he received no answer. Next was Kurt Disser who asked several questions: Is the land being bought by the parks department going to go to development like St. Malachy? How will the fire truck be titled because current statute states that the fire truck does not need to be titled.

Chief Alcorn addressed both remarks: First, the purchase of the fire truck is coming out of savings in the general fund not from additional taxes and the engine will be titled to Brownsburg since there is an ordinance which states that is what needs to happen. The resolution was passed 5-0

Last on the agenda was an ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds to pay for certain projects of the town. Mr. Kleinhenz explained that the bond issuance is for up to 2 million dollars with a net receipt of around 1.6 million. The rates are such right now that the tax rate will stay the same in 2018. The GO Bonds are to fund the drainage improvement at College Avenue and Odell (approximately \$200,000-300,000) and resurfacing more streets and the expansion of the fleet services building (approximately 1million to 1.2 million). This passed on 1st reading 5-0.

During Town Council comments. Mr Dawes stated that the park department budget was increased by 7.5% not decreased as the presentation looked and if you want more information please see Brian Jessen's Facebook page. All of the council is supportive of the parks department.

During citizen's comment, Kurt Disser came up to the podium. He asked if anyone of the council had read all of the motions and filing from the beginning for annexation. Brian Jessen stated he had read them all. The last motion from the town indicated that Brian Jessen was the mayor of the city of Brownsburg and he was the executive of the Fire Territory and has the last word on Fire Territory decisions. Brian Jessen made a point to say that the motion was amended to correct the statement about being mayor.

Last up was Jim Sering, he was a little surprised that neither the police chief or the fire chief mentioned truck or treating which would be happening the next week. He then asked if the K9 will be replaced. The answer was "yes" they plan on replacing the K9. It has been funded in the past by donations but the K9 was insured so they have to go through insurance first and then see if they still need donations.

### October 30th

Special meeting of the Brownsburg Town Council and the Park Board. The special meeting was held to consider the purchase of land for a new park and to consider a letter of intent for IU West. For the land purchase, there are four parcels involved at 315 W Main Street totaling 51 acres of which 5.1 acres next to White Lick Creek are being donated. The 5.1 acres are part of the town. The rest of

the acreage would need to be annexed. The purchase agreement will allow the town to place \$25,000 earnest money into escrow and allow the town to complete the due diligence like environmental studies, and surveys. The agreement allows the sellers to stay in the house on the property for up to 10 months but the parks department will take over any mowing or snow removal going forward. Any use of the property would take 4-5 years to develop. The parks department sees this purchase as a way to fulfill the unmet needs for the community especially those listed in the strategic plan and the latest needs assessment. The agreement was unanimously approved by the park board and the town council.

Second on the agenda was the consideration of a letter of intent with IU West. The original RFP was looking for two options 1) naming rights or 2) wellness or funding partner. The RFP was sent early in 2016 and two responses were received Hendricks Regional and IU West in March of 2016. After much consideration, staff thought that IU West fit better with what the town was looking for in a partner.

Staff is asking for permission to keep negotiating with IU with an agreement by February 28th, 2018. The letter of intent is not binding, it lets the town keep negotiating with IU West. The town would not want to start design without a partner and in the RFP Arbuckle Park was listed as the location for a future community center. It will take 18-24 months to complete design with community input and then another 24 months at least for construction so the minimum amount of time to complete the community center would be 4 years from the time of the agreement. The design will probably be completed by Williams Architect. The letter of intent was passed by both the Park Board and the Town council.

No citizen's comments were allowed even though there were people who wanted to speak. Then the meeting was adjourned. -- *The Editor*.

## County Zoning Appeals - *cont. from pg 1*

property, Chairman Anthony Hession moved to reject the request, Walt O'Riley seconded, and all voted to deny the request.

Note: One interesting point I'd like to make is the nearby construction of Ronald Reagan Parkway. Construction from 56th Street north to the County line is being fast-tracked to be completed in the 2019-2020 time-frame. An intersection will be built at 86th Street. This 4-lane road will travel roughly a quarter mile from the Austin Winds subdivision and when completed is projected to be the designated truck route (to get trucks off of Green Street/SR 267 through town. I dare say the quiet enjoyment of Austin Winds residents may be redefined. -- *Josphine Dalton Contributing Columnist*

## The town's legal team said it was the "City of Brownsburg"

Brian Jessen made a point to say that the motion was amended to correct the statement about [him] being mayor.

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# My Interview with Coach Hart - *John Fuson*

I had a chance to interview the Brownsburg head football coach John Hart about the 2017 season and how the team has performed this year. For this season, Coach Hart said they wanted to focus on power and speed for the season, specifically focusing on power in the weight room during the offseason with coaches Neese and Popenfoose leading the workouts. When asked about the team's performance from game to game, Coach Hart called the losses to Lawrence North and Avon setbacks, but learning opportunities "You have to learn as a team how hard winning is".

That week-to-week mentality is one that Coach Hart has instilled in his players. Taking every game one at a time and not trying to put pressure on themselves was an important aspect to this team, and the coach has constantly told his team that "you can't win the conference or the sectional this week". As the team prepares for sectionals, Coach Hart only focuses on the present and making sure that his team improves every week. As with any sport, the little details always are magnified during the game, and attention to detail has been an area of weakness for the team, but one that they are constantly working on and improving during practice.

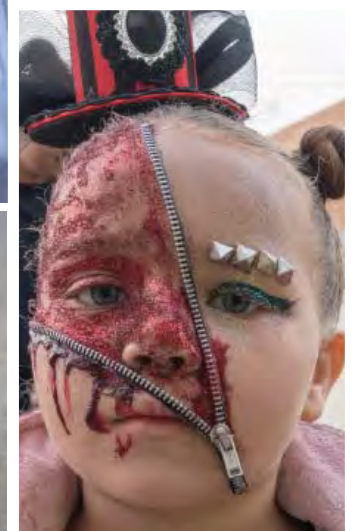
This team has gelled as a unit, and multiple people have stepped up as leaders on the team. Kyle Strakis and Antrez Baker have emerged as the two most consistent leaders on the team, with Strakis leading the offense and Baker leading the defense. The 2017 Brownsburg Bulldogs are not the strongest team that Brownsburg has fielded in recent years, but they have improved every week during the season and feel very confident going into the state tournament "We are excited and getting better and that's all I can ask for".

The interview, conducted in the middle of the football season, was to gain insight to a team that ended the regular season on a five game winning streak, and advancing past Perry Meridian in the sectional tournament. They would eventually fall to Avon, a team that gave them plenty of trouble in their regular season meeting.

From game to game, the performance of the team improved in all areas of the game, allowing an average of 11.2 points per game during their win streak and scoring an average of 38.6 points per game during the same stretch. The Bulldogs were a team that thrived at home, going undefeated at C.F. Roark Stadium during the 2017 campaign. In the conference, Brownsburg excelled going 5-1 against conference opponents, with their only loss coming against Avon, the eventual sectional and regional champions. The Brownsburg Bulldogs had, what I think was a successful 2017 season, as the defense and offense continued to improve and gel together every Friday night. The team has a bright future under Coach Hart, and a sectional championship is not out of their reach within the next two years.

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TO: Grant Kleinhenz                      CC: Town of Brownsburg Town Council                      Oct. 29, 2017  
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Grant -  
Thank you for bringing to my attention the perceived discrepancies in the most recent edition of the Brownsburg Sentinel dated September 30th, 2017.

As I mentioned during our recent conversation, the news portion of the paper is based solely on the public record; sourced from presentation materials, speeches and comments given by you or other members seated at town council, or other items from the public record.

Specifically, the portions you expressed concern to me about were taken directly from the presentation you composed titled "FY2018 Budget Presentation. Presentation to Town Council August 30th 2018", which was your presentation to the council and public at large. Page 34 of the presentation shows the "delta's" ( pluses or minuses from 2017 to 2018 budget ) and page 69 also shows a list of significant changes for Park improvements and their contingency monies.

None of the supporting evidence and examples you provided me one on one during our discussion October 26th are found in the public record, not in the three budget readings, one public hearing, nor final vote and approval of the budget.

I am extending to you this offer to submit a letter to the editor, sent from your email address and signed by you, to clarify changes to the budget and their impact to the Parks as noted in your original presentation materials and subsequent discussions. Based on your and the council's recent reaction, clearly these items require additional clarification. There is no need to involve anyone else, as you are clarifying your presentation materials and statements provided by you during the budgeting process.

Please limit your comments to information which would have been available to the public as of September 30th, 2017 or earlier.

This is a matter of great public interest, as more than 15,500 people viewed that particular edition, by print, web, and/or Facebook delivery channels.

In next month's editorial I will note I extended this offer to you, and that I gladly offered to print your concise reply. I appreciate your thoughtful contemplation and prompt response to this request by no later than Friday November 3rd, 2017. I will send a follow up reminder email November 1st, 2017 to check on your progress to date.

David Weyant



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