Minutes

Walkersville Planning Commission Meeting

March 22, 2022

Commission Chairman David Ennis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with members Mike Kuster, Dick Brady, and Gary Baker present. Also present were Town Planner Susan Hauver and Communications Specialist Ashley Bailey. Member Russ Winch was absent and the seventh seat is currently vacant. The meeting was also live-streamed on the Town's website.

1. Minutes

Member Brady made a motion, seconded by Member Kuster, to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022 meeting. The motion passed on a vote of 3-0-2.

2. Comprehensive Plan Update Discussion

Planner Hauver presented an overview of the Comprehensive Plan update, highlighting the chapters of the draft text.

Commission comments and discussion included the following:

- The Land Use chapter refers to area within Town limits as well as the larger zone of influence. Needs to be clear and not jump around. Be consistent with measure of land area (acres vs. square miles).
- Consider adding a recommendation that the Town watershed property on Chestnut Grove Road be designated as an alternative water source for the Town. Investigate whether the Town retained rights-of-way for piping.
- Include a recommendation as to the next properties to be considered for annexation and future growth.
- Identify areas which would be appropriate for the location of solar energy installations.
- Determine the adequacy of the Israel Creek basin to supplement the Town water supply, and whether the Town needs to retain rights to a well or wells.
- Include an up-to-date map showing land in agricultural preservation or in the application process.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Hauver