

Minutes
Walkersville Planning Commission Meeting
August 8, 2023

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

1. Minutes: July 11, 2023

Member Kuster made a motion, seconded by Member Brady, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023 meeting. The minutes were approved on a vote of 5-0.

2. Public hearing: Code Updates – Zoning and Subdivision Regulation amendments

Planner Hauver said the Town is in the process of digitizing the Town Code so that it will be available and searchable online. Part of the process entails updating the Code with regard to archaic and duplicative language, minor corrections, changes in agency names, and State and County Code reference changes, and other non-substantive amendments. She reviewed the list of Code changes in the Zoning and Subdivision Regulation chapters, since they review Planning Commission review.

There were no public comments.

Member Brady made a motion, seconded by Member Kuster, to recommend approval of the text amendments as presented by staff to the Burgess and Commissioners. The motion passed on a vote of 5-0.

3. Miscellaneous business

Mr. Brady noted that a sign at Fountain Rock Park indicated that the County is considering making the property an historic site due to the quarry and lime kilns. There is a hearing scheduled for August 15, 2023. Mr. Brady felt the designation could affect neighboring properties and felt the Town should have been notified. He also felt County staff fail to notify the Town of applications and activities in the area of the Town, with the exception of agricultural preservation easement applications.

Planner Hauver said she would find out more information about the application and also consult with County staff about the need for more communication with the town.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Hauver