

Minutes

Walkersville Planning Commission Workshop

September 12, 2023

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

1. Draft Comprehensive Plan hearing preparation

Commission members discussed details in preparation for the public hearing on September 26, 2023.

Planner Hauver reviewed the public hearing requirements for a draft comprehensive plan as stated in State law. She also reviewed the rules of procedure for public hearings. The Commission's Rules of Procedure allow five minutes for individual speakers and ten minutes for recognized organizations. Commission members agreed that corporations and teams representing property owners would be allowed ten minutes, regardless of the size of the team. Ms. Powell encouraged Commission members to keep the hearing focused on receiving public comments. They should avoid a prolonged back and forth discussion with the speakers since there have been many opportunities for the public to be involved in workshops leading up to the hearing. If speakers are off-topic, they can be cut off. Speakers can also be encouraged to agree with previous speakers rather than re-hashing the same remarks.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Hauver