

Elkton Planning Commission  
July 16, 2013 at 6:30 pm  
Elkton City Hall

Chairman Jim Caldwell called the meeting to order and requested a roll call. Present were Carolyn Thompson, Rebecca Bryant, Bethany Shockney, Bill Cary and Bill Bonjour. Absent was Jim Lathrop.

Chairman Caldwell requested Rebecca Bryant to read the minutes of the previous meeting. Bill Cary made the motion to approve, with no corrections, seconded by Carolyn Thompson. All in favor passed 5/0.

#### Old Business

Chairman Caldwell said that he will get the minutes to each member before the next meeting so that they may review prior to the actual meeting.

Chairman Caldwell would like to amend the by-laws in Article VIII, Section 3., Expenditures, add 3.1, for a budget for the Commission, not to exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_ and have the commission determine a dollar amount for the year. This fee would cover office supplies, public notices, etc. He added that this notice to change the by-laws requires a 7 day notice prior to a scheduled meeting and he had sent out the request in the agenda.

Chairman Caldwell stated that a Vice Chairman needs to be elected. Bethany said that she would be glad to do it if it would not happen very often. Bill Cary made the motion approve, seconded by Rebecca Bryant. All in favor passed 5/0.

The meeting returned to the budget amount for the planning commission. The training for the planning commission, which is required by the State, was brought up. The discussion was brought up as to where to put the planning commission expenses in the city budget. Chairman Caldwell said that he would bring up the expense to city council. He stated this is the way it should be worded "3.1, the commission budget, for travel or training expense, in accordance with State Regulation 13-4-101,( c ) (1), to set a dollar amount in accordance with the Board and Mayor of the City of Elkton".

#### New Business

Next item on the agenda is to discuss a walking/fitness trail. There was discussion about where to put a fitness trail. Jim mentioned Bluff Street as a start to a trail as the rock formation was so beautiful. Down Persimmon Island, up Ezell and cut down through to the park. Carolyn reminded everyone of the creek and spring. Bill Cary said we should look into a grant for this project and Bethany also said Eagle Scouts. Jim also suggested getting volunteers from the community. Jim asked about getting the inmates down to clear brush as long as they do not go on private property. Jim feels like that this is at least a start and would not cost very much. Bill Cary mentioned that the school track is used quite a bit by citizens. Carolyn said people have come to her about that track not being in shape. This track was built by the City and donated to the school.

She stated that Carolyn would give Jim the names of some people who may be able to help with some funding. This trail would be mulch, wood chips, etc. State parks could be looked at to see how a trail is cut. Everyone thought that a trail was a good idea. Jim would share his information at the next meeting.

The basketball and tennis court at the park were discussed. No nets at basketball court and tennis court needs resurfacing and net put up.

Bill Cary said that land usage should be a discussion in the future.

Jim said that he did not have anything else and asked if anyone had any comments. Carolyn said what are we to do about the maps? They need to be downloaded to a flash drive. They were received from the mapping division from the State today. Evidently some of the maps Jim has been using maps are not correct. Bethany asked to have the maps emailed to her as she may be able to print them out.

Jim said that he did not have any more business and asked to have the meeting adjourned at 7:20.

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Jim Caldwell, Chairman

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Margie Brooks, Secretary