

Members Present

Randy Smith

Virginia Hart

Rod Cury

Gaynelle Thompson

Richard Smith

Priscilla Russ

Staff Present

Tim Taylor

Kevin Blankenship

Also Present:

Rick Barton

Mayor Paul Crawford

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Smith. Richard Smith gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison.
- II. Guests Mayor Paul Crawford and Rick Barton were welcomed.
- III. The Agenda was presented. Gaynelle Thompson made the motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Rod Cury. All members voted "aye" to accept the agenda.
- IV. Minutes from the March 19, 2019 meeting were distributed. Gaynelle Thompson made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Richard Smith. All members voted "aye" to approve the minutes.
- V. New Business:
 1. Tim Taylor gave updates on the Clinch River Trail Project. Greg Widener from Thompson and Litton came and they walked the trail for evaluation and obstacles were discussed:
 - Under the railroad bridge on Front Street where it's in a flood plain
 - Possible issue with the railroad and the plan for parking near the Schewel's building
 - No room for the trail behind one of the houses on Shenandoah
 - Privacy concerns for the residents along the trail
 - Possible issue with making the trail ADA compliant
 - Very little clearance and a chain link fence behind the old Virginia Dump Bodies
 - For now, the recommendation is to delay crossing the highway by McDonald's and eventually go under the bridge.
 2. Rick Barton gave updates on possible help and funding resources for the trail through the National Park Service and Appalachian Sustainable Development.
- VI. Old Business:
 1. Tim Taylor gave the Commission an update on the Erwin Davis project in the professional building; it is moving forward. It will encompass a more detailed market study for the entire town and the architectural study has been expanded as well.

2. Rick Barton shared that the Jeep Trail is a definite possibility for the summer; they are working on access points.
- VII. The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for August 6, 2019 at 7:30; no meeting in July due to the Independence Day holiday.
 - VIII. Richard Smith made the motion to adjourn; Virginia Hart seconded the motion. All members voted “aye” and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Virginia Hart, Secretary