

Planning Commission Meeting

April 17, 2019

Present for the Meeting:

Greg Estall – Division of Forestry

Idaline Walker – Friends of Southwest Virginia

Rick Chitwood and Greg Widener – Thompson and Litton

Randy Smith

Tim Taylor

Gaynelle Thompson

The meeting was brought to order by Randy Smith and the reading of the minutes from the last meeting was delayed due to membership attendance.

Tim began with discussion of the Clinch River Walking Trail Project. Greg Widener spoke briefly and turned the meeting over to Rick Chitwood who outlined Thompson and Litton's role in the project:

- Complete the preliminary report for project funding
- Assist in looking at the overall approach of the project
- Keep phases going
- Look at the potential permitting problems
- Look at federal and state regulations that come into play
- 40% review at the August 6, 2019 meeting at 7:30
- Will attempt to get a financier so a spring start date can be set to begin work; the town's work will be considered in the cost within the \$30,000 budget
- Discussed VDOT and NS Railroad challenges
- Include in the design lighting, paving, cameras, access points, width of the trail
- ADA accessibility possible via a loop near the Richlands Tabernacle
- Establish an area/length to determine the total project cost
- Evaluate an access point at the swinging bridge

The meeting dismissed at 9:50. No May meeting was scheduled; next meeting will be June 4, 2019.

Submitted by Gaynelle Thompson