

Members Present

Randy Smith

Virginia Hart

Rod Cury

Gaynelle Thompson

Member Absent

Richard Smith

Priscilla Russ

Staff Present

Tim Taylor

Also Present:

Rick Barton

Larry Johnson

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Smith. Tim Taylor gave the invocation and Virginia Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. 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.
- III. Minutes from the October 2, 2018 meeting were distributed. Gaynelle Thompson made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Rod Cury. All members voted "aye" to approve the minutes.
- IV. New Business: Rick Barton and Larry Johnson gave updates on Trail Projects
 1. Rick Barton will be attending a meeting on January 4, 2019 with members of VECEDA, Friends of SW Virginia, Heart of Appalachia, and Cumberland Plateau Planning District. He will be discussing the possibility of funding for the Richlands River Walk at the meeting.
 2. He also suggested possible funding from other sources: Tazewell County RDA, Department of Recreation and Conservation (under the Land/Water Conservation Act), TVA Gap Funding.
 3. Larry Johnson has met with Cedar Bluff Town Manager Tom Lester regarding the Clinch River designation there and the possibility of tying into the Richlands River Walk. He is encouraged by the spirit of cooperation between towns in the county on the initiatives.
 4. Rick Barton also shared information regarding a new tourism initiative, Breaks to Burkes Garden that is in the beginning phases.
- V. Old Business:
 1. Rod Cury asked that at the next meeting we revisit the zoning on Kents Ridge; this was discussed previously in September 2017 when the request from C.W. Settle for rezoning his property on Mason Street was granted. At that time, it was agreed by the Planning Commission to take care of Mr. Settle's request and come back later to review other zoning in the area to make it more consistent.
 2. Tim Taylor said the town is moving forward with updating the website. With the upgrade, the goal is to give the Planning Commission its own link.
- VI. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be February 5, 2019 at 7:30 pm. A brief discussion was held about the possibility of moving the meeting time back to 7:00 pm, but it was agreed to leave it as is.
- 'II. Gaynelle Thompson made the motion to adjourn; Rod Cury seconded the motion. All members voted "aye" and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Virginia Hart, Secretary

Virginia Hart 2/5/2019