

MINUTES
TELLICO PLAINS PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, June 8, 2020

Members Present

Mike Atkins, Chair
Chad Johnson, Secretary
Sherri Raby, Alderman
Larry Harris, Mayor Rep

Members Absent

Patrick Hawkins, Mayor

Others Present

Ruth Viergutz Hawk, Staff
Greg Altum, Press

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Atkins called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Commissioner Harris moved to approve the February 10, 2020, minutes as submitted. Commissioner Raby seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0, with Commissioner Johnson having not yet arrived.

UPDATE ON SMALL CELL TELECOMMUNICATION REGULATIONS

Hawk reported that as expected, the cell phone companies are contesting local requirements that require small cell poles to be of a particular design. The state law states that design requirements are only permitted in Historic Districts and if all utility poles are required to meet such standards. The cell phone companies have, however, honored the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) recommended minimum clear zone widths when requested. Hawk stated that if such small cell towers come to Tellico Plains, the state law does support the requirement to set the poles behind the edge of pavement so as to meet the AASHTO recommended minimum clear zones. A general discussion followed.

REPORT ON MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT REVIEW/APPROVAL

Hawk reported that Secretary Johnson has signed off on two two-lot subdivision plats since the February planning commission meeting. The first was for Brad and Celia Davis at 242 Mount Harmony Road (Tax Map 135, Parcel 033.11), and the second was for Mike and Amy Gregory on Curtis Road (Tax Map 135, Parcel 062.00).

OTHER BUSINESS

Hawk presented the completed digital map of the Major Road Plan. The new Major Road Plan was adopted by the planning commission on November 2, 2015. The county GIS staff person has been primarily working IT for the past several years to assist in getting the Justice Center up and running. He has now returned to his GIS duties and just completed the digital map. As required in T.C.A., Hawk will record the Major Road Plan in the Register of Deeds Office.

The commission thanked Hawk for her service.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Harris moved to adjourn. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m. Hawk conducted a one-hour training session on “Private Property Rights and the Subdivision of Land.”

Secretary

Date