

Proposed Minutes

READING PLANNING COMMISSION

CITY OF READING

July 11, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Reading City Hall by chairperson, Betty Blount. The meeting was also available via zoom. Members in attendance were Betty Blount, Warren Bartels, Chad Penney, and Chuck Hartshorn. Absent: none. Guests present were Kendra Stump, who is to be appointed to the Commission by the City Council, Kym Blythe and Alan Beeker, the new Zoning Administrator. Chad made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to approve the May 10th minutes. Motion carried 4-0. The agenda was accepted as presented.

Betty closed the regular meeting at 7:02 and opened a Public Hearing to review the 2023-2028 CIP plan. Items in the different years were reviewed and compared with last year's document. While many of the items remained the same, it was noted that many of the street improvement projects have been able to be moved ahead some. This is nice positive aspect for the city. Kym shared information as the proposed document was reviewed. With no further discussion, Chad made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to close the Public Hearing at 7:22. Motion carried 4-0. Betty reopened the regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Kendra shared that she had reviewed Bronson, MI and Ashley, MI Parks and Recreational Master Plans. Both are smaller communities, with Ashley being very similar to Reading. There were recommendations for activity sites in each one. Discussion also centered on not just listing park improvements, but that some plans bring up entertainment improvement areas and related activities that would bring people into the community. Brainstorming ideas for a document included 1) recreational possibilities, 2) food related activities or events, 3) physical activity possibilities including paths, trails, sidewalks, skateboard or skating areas, and more and improved ball fields, 4) an indoor shooting range, with Razorback's site and business a possible developer, 5) improvement and maintenance of our present tennis court in town, 6) add, improve, and maintain any areas that we actually have now and then move on to new and more expanded projects, 7) add to the pavilion project, and 8) get further public input as with a survey. It was also suggested that sending a survey home with school children in the fall might be a way to reach many families.

NEW BUSINESS: Warren made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to approve and recommend to City Council the CIP Capital Improvement Plan proposed for 2023-2028. Motion carried 4-0.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for August 8th, 2022.

FUTURE BUSINESS: It was noted that we will need to keep in mind further work on a Housing Code for the Master Plan with possible development locations and R-3 Higher Density Recommendations.

With no further business or comments, Chad made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to adjourn at 8:05. Motion carried 4-0.