

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND GAP
PLANNING MEETING
MARCH 28, 2022
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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met on March 28, 2022 to review and finalize the items on the agenda for the April 4, 2022 meeting.

Planning and Zoning- The date for the next PZC meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2022. At this time there are no items on the agenda.

The subdivision ordinance should be ready to review at the May 4, 2022 meeting.

Finance- The audit fee for FY ending June 30, 2022 increased by 5% making the total cost of \$11,400.

Law and Order- City court was cancelled last week because all citations were paid prior to the court date. Court is scheduled for the fourth Thursday of each month.

Historical- The date for the next HZC meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2022. At this time there are no items on the agenda.

Streets- The four way stop is now in place on Pennlyn Street.

Milling will be done once the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) spend plans are reviewed and approved.

Parks and Recreation- Danny Chumley came before the board seeking permission to use Festival Park for impromptu music sessions. He explained that sometimes musicians have stopped in his business, Papa Chum's Music, and asked if there was a place in town that they could play. He is in the process of acquiring the necessary insurance.

Tourism- There are several special event applications to be discussed later on the agenda. The board was given a calendar for the upcoming events for the months of April – July 2022.

The Guardians of the Gap was awarded a TN Downtown Grant in the amount of \$11,000.

Water- The GIS mapping of the water lines have been completed. The next step is develop an asset management plan.

Sewer- The mayor spoke about the possibility of selling the sewer plant, as it is becoming a burden with and the town constantly having to raise rates significantly to cover the losses each year.

The town is awaiting the results of the Scorecard before the other American Rescue Plan funds can be spent. Results from the Scorecard highlight critical utility system needs. Utilities should use this information to prioritize projects based on the Scorecard results.

Fire Department- The fire department had several calls during the month. At one of the fire scenes a firefighter had a seizure, spent the night in the hospital, but has since recovered.

OSHA- There was nothing to discuss.

Litigation- There was nothing to discuss.

Old Business:

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Special Event Permit Applications- Harvest Moon Festival (Resubmission)

The application for the Harvest Moon Festival, scheduled for September 24, 2022, was resubmitted with additional of a wine tasting event.

New Business:

Short Term Rental Application

A short term rental application was submitted by the property owners, David Szulczewski/Neighborhood Investments, for the property at 250 Colwyn Street. The mayor explained that he has spoken with MTAS and it was recommended that the application be granted and all prior violations be forgiven. Since the restriction was not passed and all the necessary paperwork/fees have been submitted the permit will be issued.

The town is considering passing a hotel motel tax. The four percent (4%) would be in addition to the already established county tax. The funds could only be used for tourism related purposes.

Special Event Permit Application- National GTO Pontiac

The special event application, National GTO Pontiac, Kevin Larew/ Angelo's in the Gap/ and is scheduled for June 30, 2022.

Special Event Permit Application- Rumble in the Gap

The special event application, Rumble in the Gap, was submitted by Kevin Larew/Angelo's in the Gap/and is scheduled for July 22, 2022.

Special Event Permit Application- Folkfest

The special event application, Folkfest, was submitted Joe Wolfenbarger/Guardians of the Gap and is scheduled for August 13, 2022. The town is reviving a popular event from the past.

Special Event Permit Application- Pumpkin Tasting

The special event application, Pumpkin Tasting, was submitted Joe Wolfenbarger/Guardians of the Gap and is scheduled for October 22, 2022.

Special Event Permit Application- Small Town Christmas & Parade

The special event application, Small Town Christmas & Parade, was submitted Joe Wolfenbarger/Guardians of the Gap and is scheduled for December 10, 2022

Other Business: A concerned citizen spoke about his concerns regarding the distillery that may be opening in Cumberland Gap. He stated that according to his research the distillation process could cause some environmental issues. He further stated he is willing to pay for an environmental study to be conducted. Mayor Pucciarelli reported that no permits have been issued at this time and according to the National Park no environmental issues would exist and the only concerns would be the impact on the water. The wastewater treatment plant operator has already been consulted and the distillery would not cause any problems with the plant.

City Recorder