

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND GAP
PLANNING MEETING
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The Board of Mayor and Alderman met on October 26, 2020 to review and finalize the items on the agenda for the November 2, 2020 meeting.

The below items were discussed.

Bicycle Grant- Anna Beth Walker, with the Claiborne County Mayor's, office was present at the meeting to discuss the Bicycle Grant. The county received a twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollar grant (no match) to purchase bicycles and other equipment needed to implement a bicycle rental/loan program. The original recipients, Tazewell/New Tazewell, declined the grant because of liability issues so the county is approaching Cumberland Gap with the opportunity to accept the grant. Ms. Walker has already contacted and gotten approval from the grant agency to transfer the funds to Cumberland Gap should the board vote to accept it.

Bryan Hill, who was present via zoom, told the board he has spoken to another community and found they rent the bikes, free of charge, using the library method. The bikes is borrowed upon showing and ID and providing contact information for a 24 hour period with the option to renew. He feels there would be more benefits, cooperation, and participation if they town chose to use that method.

Wayfinding Grant- Bryan Hill updated the board on the TN Department of Healthy Environment grant the town is in the process of applying for. If awarded the town would purchase wayfinding, or navigations signs to be placed in specific locations in town. The location and design of the signs will be determined if awarded.

Park and Recreation Grant Update- The pre-application for the Parks and Recreation grant has been submitted. The pre- application included correcting some ADA issues at the Dog Park and the first phase of purchasing and development of the Estep property. The first phase includes parking, restrooms, and ADA access. If the pre-application is approved the town will move on to the full application process by the summer of 2021. In the meantime the town must update the Parks and Recreation Plan, the joint plan each of the cities participated in with the county, because purchasing the Estep property was not included as it was not an option at the time.

Gaptober- The mayor commended the Guardians of the Gap and the Artist Co-op for the successful Gaptober events.

Planning and Zoning- The new residents at 601 Pennlyn has picked up some paperwork for a secondary structure but has not been returned at this time.

Finance- Nothing to report.

Law and Order- Nothing to report.

Historical- The case with 601 Pennlyn is still on going.

Streets- The paving project has been completed and the one way street was striped.

Parks and Recreation- There was nothing to report.

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Tourism- A special event application submitted by the Artist Co-op for the Christmas Bazarre scheduled for November 14, 2020 is on the agenda under new business. John Ravnum added a rain date of November 21st.

A special event application for the Victorian Christmas, scheduled for December 5, 2020, will be picked up and submitted before next week's meeting. Ways to make the event COVID safe is being discussed.

Water- A possible water leak has been found and the site will be dug up tomorrow.

Sewer- In order for the new probes to function properly, another issue had to be fixed.

Fire Department- There was nothing to report.

OSHA- There was nothing to report.

Litigation- The town attorney will update the board on 601 Pennlyn at next week's meeting.

Old Business:

Alderman Appointments- Mayor Pucciarelli will announce his recommendations for the appointments as soon as he gets confirmation.

Park and Recreation Grant update- Was discussed earlier in meeting.

New Business:

Bicycle Grant- Was discussed earlier in meeting.

Special Event Application – Christmas Bazaree

A special event application was submitted by the Artist Co-op for a Christmas Bazarre scheduled for November 14, 2020. John Ravnum added a rain date of November 21st. The event includes a street festival w/arts & crafts.

There was no other discussion and the meeting ended.

Recorder