

Attendees: Clara Winch, Ray Soderberg, Ben Douds, & Randy Gray

7:30 the meeting was called to order by Ben Douds

Guests were Bonnie Leins, of the Walkersville Historical Society, and Commissioner Russell Winch.

Ms. Leins presented a handout, "The Maryland Preservation" and discussed Walkersville's upcoming 125th Anniversary. She gave the commission a hand out on a proposed event for winter 2016. The commission directed Ms. Leins to Commissioner Donald Schildt, who is heading a committee on the 125th Anniversary. He would be able to get the names of the committee members for Ms. Leins.

Discussion -regarding the presentation from Ms. Leins at the last meeting, 07/19/2016. Commission members in attendance felt that it needed to be paired down, that it was too broad in content to be presented to the Commissioners at this stage.

Commissioner Winch presented a handout to the Commission, from the Better Block Foundation as an alternative to the top-down approach that Ms. Leins was proposing.

Randy Gray asked Commissioner Winch about the status of the old Exxon Gas station, which is part of the Tomarchio owned shopping center:

Are the gas tanks still in place? No.

Do the Scouts currently ask permission to use the lot for the annual Christmas tree sales? Yes.

Discussion on blighted properties, and the problem that the Walkersville code does not define specifically, "blighted".

Farmers Market:

Discussion regarding request from Town Manager, Gloria Rollins, for the commission to appear at the next Commissioner/Burgess meeting (08/10/2016) to answer questions regarding the Farmers Market. Discussed the invoice that has been presented by the FCPS for the use of the B Building Parking Lot for 06/2016, in the amount of \$160.

Clara Winch will look at the cost by month of the Farmers Market and have ready for questions from Commissioners. Commission members are In agreement that the Farmers Market Mangers will receive \$40 per week to be divided evenly. Commission is in agreement that we all will attend the meeting.

Contact Gloria Rollins regarding the issuance of the \$100 check to the Lions Club and request a copy of the current fiscal year WEDC budget and expenditures year to date.

Meeting adjourned 8:50pm

As submitted by Clara Winch