

**Minutes**  
**Walkersville Planning Commission**  
**February 26, 2019**

Commission Chairman Richard Brady called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with members David Ennis, Mike Kuster, Tim Pollak, Ray Santullo, Russ Winch and John Zimmerman present. Also present were Town Commissioners Tom Gilbert and Michael Bailey, and Town Planner Susan Hauver.

**1. Lonza: Proposed driveway loop, floodplain discussion**

Planner Hauver presented a sketch plan for Lonza to build a loop driveway around their campus. The project would include paving a parking area in the back that is currently gravel. The delivery entrance to the west of the main entrance would be accessible to anyone entering or exiting the site, and the loop driveway would extend in front of the buildings between the two entrances. The new driveway would allow for better pedestrian access to the accessory buildings (café building, etc) that are separated from the main building. The main issue with the new driveway is that it would be located within the FEMA 100 year floodplain for a short distance near the southeast corner of the lot.

Mr. Tom Murray of The Traffic Groupe presented a plan on behalf of the applicant. In response to a question, he noted that the driveway would be two-way and that they could add signage to restrict the usage of the western entrance.

Commission members did not express any concerns with the proposed driveway. They discussed the approval process necessary to build within the floodplain. Member Winch noted his support of Lonza as a Town business, and his support of whatever they want to do to improve their campus.

**2. 2019 Work Program**

Town Planner Hauver reviewed the work program discussed in July 2017 and noted the progress made since then. The Design Manual update is underway and other projects have been finished or are underway. The Town Comprehensive Plan must be updated and re-adopted by 2021. Mr. Brady expressed his desire to see the update process started. He also mentioned alternative energy sources—solar, wind, etc. He would like to see Lonza put a solar farm on their property.

**3. Minutes**

***Member Winch made a motion, seconded by Member Kuster, to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 meeting as corrected. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0.***

**4. Announcements**

Chairman Brady reported on a meeting he had with the Rock Creek School principal regarding changing the name of the school to Fountain Rock School when it moves to Walkersville. He plans to keep pursuing the idea with FCPS through COO Paul Lebo.

Chairman Brady noted that he will be absent for the March 22 meeting. Vice Chairman Ennis will preside.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Hauver