TOWN OF MARLINTON

Marlinton Town Council
February 14, 2024
Special Meeting Minutes

Location: Municipal Building Auditorium with Zoom and call-in options.

Mayor Sam Felton called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

The Recorder called the roll.

Present:	Sam Felton, Mayor	Mary K. Clendenen, Recorder
	Olivia Dean	Joe Smith
	Scott Gibb	Roger Trusler
	Tom Miller	
Absent:	None	

1. **Discuss and/or Act on Marlinton Streetscape Kickoff:** Tim Johnson, Director of Outdoor Recreation Planning for Destination by Design, addressed the Council and introduced his colleagues, Alex Gotherman and Jess Showtanes, who have been working with him on the streetscape project. They reviewed a map from First Avenue to Fifth Avenue, and discussed the potential areas to be included in the streetscape. They requested the Councilmembers' input about which areas were most important, as well as the locations of bike paths and how they could be separated from the street. The Streetscape Plan will include trailhead amenities such as signage, maps of trails and businesses, parking, lighting, landscaping, a pump track, restrooms, a picnic shelter, benches, and food truck parking spaces. A bike wash and repair station are also planned. Sidewalks that are safe for pedestrians and bike paths that provide safe and convenient access to restaurants and businesses in the downtown area will encourage visitors to spend more time in town.

   Mr. Gotherman said the project needs to be broken down into smaller areas and prioritized to make it more achievable. After some discussion, the Council agreed that the area of Second Avenue to Fifth Avenue should be the primary focus. Traffic near the Elementary School was also a concern that needs to be addressed.

   Mr. Johnson said the scope of the plan includes six tasks. The GIS mapping and inventory have already been completed. The remaining tasks are interviews of businesses or organizations as recommended by the Council, conceptual design, a Zoom presentation of the design for feedback, the final illustrative Master Plan, 3-D photo renderings, and the final presentation in April.

   Sara Cottingham, of Region 4 Planning and Development Council, is helping to do a sidewalk assessment from First to Fifth Avenue to identify trip hazards, drainage issues, and areas lacking adequate walkways leading to the trailhead for the DOH Grant.

   Mayor Felton informed everyone that the current water, sewer, and stormwater project that is in progress needs to be coordinated with these other projects.

   Bruce VanMeter reminded everyone that permeable asphalt is required for the pump track and any buildings will need to be elevated due to flood plain requirements.

   Mr. Johnson invited the Council to take a walking tour of the proposed development area following the meeting.

Adjournment: As there was no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Sam Felton, Mayor

Mary K. Clendenen, Recorder