

ELK RIDGE  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
AUGUST 3, 2023

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

A meeting of the Elk Ridge Planning Commission was held on Thursday August 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

*Commissioners:* Maureen Bushman, Ron Hill, Melanie Paxton, Ron Hill Absent Matt Stewart

*Others:* Royce Swensen, *City Recorder*, Mayor Haddock, Laura Oliver *Deputy Recorder*

*Public:* Dean Thornton, Alicia Thornton, Larry Lee, Lisa Graham

**7:00 pm OPENING ITEMS**

Opening Remarks was given by Melanie Paxton

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ron Hill

RON GAILEY MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA MELANIE PAXTON SECONDED  
APPROVED

VOTE                      AYE (4)              NAY (0)              APPROVED Absent- Matt Stewart

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. **GENERAL PLAN DISCUSSION**

Maureen Bushman stated there are three areas that the commission needs to focus on tonight: transportation, trails and parks and recreation. Melanie Paxton stated in her discussion with Shaw Eliot, who is helping the commission update the maps. There were some concerns and made a few recommendations. Shawn Eliot recommends some barriers for road trails instead of just a white line and putting the trail all the way down to 11200 and looking to the future putting the trail on both sides of the road. He does not propose a trail on Loafer Canyon Road from the new Canyon View Drive to Park, the proposed trail on Canyon View Dr. mimics this movement and with the limited space and Loafer Canyon Road it seems very difficult to make this happen.

Ron Hill stated his concern with barriers along the road is during snow plowing, if they aren't sturdy, they will get covered with snow or get knocked down; a wall would be better than posts.

Maureen Bushman would like to talk to Public Works about barriers. If it makes it unsafe or they cannot do the job properly then barriers would be counterproductive. Another thing to consider is the cost. The width of the roads would also need to be considered, such as Park Dr.; adding barriers to Park Drive would be a hazard. It is worth investigating but Public Works needs to be consulted. The map itself is very clear. Presently there are a lot of people that walk on Loafer Canyon, having something there is important. Ron Gailey asked how difficult it would be to widen Loafer Canyon, how much would that affect the properties along the road. Maureen Bushman stated when the new extension to Canyon View Dr. is finished there will be less traffic on Loafer Canyon Rd. so there may be more walkers here than ever. There is a federal project that will be putting in drainage pipes down the middle of Loafer Canyon Road. Larry Lee stated there are a lot of horses on Loafer Canyon Road and a lot of bicyclists that use Loafer Canyon Road would they be able to use the trails? The south area is still being worked on. The trails that are currently on the parcel map cannot go on the map but recommends putting the areas the city would like the trails to go. Ron Gailey stated they need to prioritize the trails, what would best serve the city, what are the trails that should be focused on first and have the best chance of getting funded and improving connectivity. Discussion ensued on changes to the text in the trails section. Discussion switched to the transportation map and went through the text. Melanie Paxton will take pictures of the different zones.

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53 2. **APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES FOR MAY 4, 2023**  
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55 RON GAILEY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR MAY 4, 2023, WITH THE  
56 CORRECTION OF THE SPELLING OF GAILEY NAME RON HILL SECONDED

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58 VOTE AYE (4) NAY (0) APPROVED Absent- Matt Stewart  
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60 3. **APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES FOR JUNE 1, 2023**  
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62 RON HILL MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR JUNE 1, 2023, WITH THE  
63 CORRECTION ON LINE 9 RON HILL WAS PRESENT AND RON GAILEY WAS ABSENT  
64 MAUREEN BUSHMAN SECONDED

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66 VOTE AYE (4) NAY (0) ALL APPROVED Absent- Matt Stewart

67 ADJOURNMENT – Maureen Bushman motioned to adjourn Ron Hill seconded.  
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