

Town of Cumberland Gap Planning and Zoning Commission
Cumberland Gap, TN
December 7, 2020

The Planning and Zoning Commission met in regular session on December 7, 2020 with the meeting being called to order at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall building, 330 Colwyn, Cumberland Gap, TN.

Members present were David Evans, Phyllis Hopson, Neal Pucciarelli, and John Ravnum. Members absent were: Craig Callen and Joyce Waller. Susan Bain is no longer a member of the committee. As the member of the town council her term on the commission expired when her term on the council expired.

The next item on the agenda was a building permit application from First Baptist Church of Cumberland Gap for the construction of a parking area, and handicapped ramp on a portion of church property. Various questions about the construction of the lot were fielded by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rowland who represented the church. According to the Rowlands the lot would be entirely handicapped parking only.

Committee members asked about block size, and whether the handicapped ramp would be close to level. Mr. Rowland replied that the ramp would be level with the grade as it exist now. When asked about railings the reply was that railings would be installed if there is an incline but if level then no railings would be installed. The use of railings all depends on the pitch of the walkway.

A question of drainage was asked. Mr. Rowland told the committee they plan for a green zone between the existing sidewalk and the proposed parking lot, along with the existing French drain.

The handicapped sidewalk would be concrete and the parking area would be flush with the handicapped side walk. They are considering purchasing a ramp system that is already constructed and just attaches to the building. The existing ramp will be removed.

Mr. Rowland said they would like to start construction as soon as possible and weather permitting.

John Ravnum made a motion to approve the building permit application with a second by Phyllis Hopson. All approved.

The next planning and zoning meeting will be January 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. It is not determined at this time as to if this meeting will be in person or via zoom.

John Ravnum made a motion to adjourn with a second by David Evans. All approved.

Sue Bain, Chairman, Planning and Zoning