

The Easton Planning Commission met on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 in the 5th Floor Council Chambers, Easton City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Charles Elliott. Present: Charles Elliott, Robert Sun, Mary Viscomi and Dennis Lieb. Also in attendance were staff members Becky Bradley, Director, Carl Manges, City Planner and Tina Woolverton, Secretary.

The agenda was approved.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2009 meeting was made by Mr. Lieb, seconded by Mr. Sun, approved by all.

Privilege of the Floor. None.

Land Development Plan – Heil Park – City of Easton. Mr. Manges said the applicant, the City of Easton, proposes to make improvements at the Heil Park complex including the addition of a splash park, new concrete walkways, removal of the existing driveway and re-plastering the pool. The control point will be moved from Packer Street to Grant Street. The park is located in the River Corridors and Other Green Areas Zoning District. David Hopkins, Public Works Director for the City of Easton was present. He thanked the Commission for accommodating his timeline with the special meeting. Ms. Viscomi questioned what a splash park was. Mr. Hopkins explained it is a flat concrete pad with spray nozzles that shoot water in the air for children to run through. Mr. Sun questioned if the system would remain turned on continually throughout the day and if the water was recycled. Mr. Hopkins replied the system has its own water tank which filters and recycles the water. Mr. Sun questioned the timeline. Mr. Hopkins said the improvements need to be completed before the next pool season, and once approval is received by the Commission, state approval is needed and the bidding process needs to begin. Mr. Elliott asked if the single sheet site plan was the entire submission. Mr. Manges said it was. Mr. Richard Hieshetter of 304 W. Monroe Street was present. He showed the Commission photos of other splash parks and recommended using bright colors and some natural elements, such as river stones. Mr. Elliott thanked him for his input and interest. Mr. Elliott noted some of the photos reflected different design details and said it may be possible to incorporate some of them. Mr. Viscomi asked if the funding for the project was assured. Mr. Hopkins said it was, but the number of improvements funded were dependent upon the bid proposals. A motion to accept the revised resolution granting conditional final approval to the plan was made by Ms. Viscomi, seconded by Mr. Lieb, approved by all.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.