Public Hearing
Elkton Town Council
May 21, 2001
6:30 p.m.

The Elkton Town Council held a Public Hearing on May 21,2001 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers. Mayor Millard L. Dearing presided over the hearing. The roll call was as follows:

PRESENT
B. Horne
C. Murphy
M. O'Neill
T. Pence
W. Printz
L. Sigafoose

Todd McCoy, Director of Public Works, and Donna Gooden, Sr. Clerk were also present

The public hearing was to take comments on the Bond Issue.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Hazel Crider-Elkwood- Mrs.Crider stated that in the past she was 100 percent against the town putting in a golf course, but after hearing that a developer may come in and take over this project Mrs. Crider thinks that we should go for the golf course. Mrs. Crider stated that it is a false statement to say that golf courses are going under. Golf has become a popular sport and you cannot get a tee time at Lakeview, golf courses are crowded. Mrs. Crider stated that we have sat back all of us in the past and have allowed the Gables Hotel to be torn down, we have allowed the Train Station to be torn down, we have seen the Shen Elk Plaza sold that at the time should have been bought for offices, across the street from us is a prime site for a community center sold to a private individual. Mrs. Crider stated on the bond issue if a developer could come in purchase the Kite property we as a community would benefit from it. Mrs. Crider stated with the bond issue the town should go and acquire the Kite property.

Caroline Brill-Elkwood- Mrs. Brill stated that she was a proponent of purchasing the Kite property because it is a good ideal and if we don't a developer will purchase it and it will never be on the market again in its entirety.

Bob Hammer-Hill Avenue- Mr. Hammer said he could not understand how the council could consider spending several million dollars in a town that only consist of 2000 people and if it doesn't make any money then it going to come to those 2000 people. Mr. Hammer stated he is against it whole heartily.

Carroll Campbell- Mr. Campbell stated that he was against the golf course and that we need a community center for our young people not a golf course for the older people.

Bob Necessary- Mr. Necessary stated that he wanted on record that he was in favor of the bond issue for the Miller Kite property. Mr. Necessary said that we were not talking about a golf course but the future of community recreation for the whole Town of Elkton and there are so many options for that property and as stated before that property will not be available again.

Randall Snow- Mr. Snow said that anybody who looks into the possible revenue that a golf course can produce will soon see that there is very little else a community can do to raise this kind of money. A lot of research has been done on recreation centers and all of them cost somewhere around $750.000.00 to $800,000.00 to a million dollars a year to run . If you are going to run a recreation center you need resources to do that. Mr. Snow stated that yes we need a recreation center but you need to be able to sustain a recreation center and we need to be able to pay for it after we get it. If the Town buys this property and uses it the way Mr. Snow hopes it should be used then the town will be able to afford anything and Mr. Snow believes that some taxes may be eliminated and it would lower all of our taxes by a great deal. Mr. Snow supports the motion to purchase the property.

Joe Flick- Mr. Flick stated that he is definitely in favor of the bond issue.

**Mr. Early-** Mr. Early stated that he is opposed to the golf course.

**Rick Workman-** Mr. Workman stated that he is for the bond issue and that the golf course is being built to make money not for just one person.

**Mrs. Sigafoose-** Mrs. Sigafoose stated that for the last 28 years this town has been fixing pipes for the water and sewer, been fixing the streets and the sidewalks and she hasn't seen anything done.

**Dr. Trabosh-** Dr. Trabosh stated that the golf course is for the whole town and not just one person. We can't look backwards we have to look forwards and the golf course is looking forward. The golf course will generate revenue and bring tourist into the town. The taxes that will be generated will help build you water and sewer system that we desperately need. Dr. Trabosh support this program as long as it is justified.

Mayor Dearing explained that there was a lot that can be done with the land and the reason that 200 million is being borrowed is that the town projected way out just in case the town wanted to put a recreation in. We are setting up an association if the golf course fails the golf course fails, not the town because we don't own the golf course, private individuals will own the golf course the town only owns the land.

The council will vote on the Bond Issue in the Regular Council Meeting.

The public hearing was closed.

**MAYOR:** M Lee Dearing
**M. Lee Dearing, Mayor**

**RECORDER:** Donna F Gooden
**Donna Gooden, Clerk**