

ELK RIDGE  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
AUGUST 7, 2025

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Elk Ridge Planning Commission was held on Thursday August 7, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at 80 E. Park Dr. Elk Ridge Utah.

**ROLL CALL**

*Commissioners:* Maureen Bushman, Greg Shelton, Lisa Graham Ron Gailey

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

*Public:* Larry Lee, Karl Shuler, KC Bush, Dianne Schultz

**7:00 pm OPENING ITEMS**

Opening Dani Schultz

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ron Gailey

MAUREEN BUSHMAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA GREG SHELTON  
SECONDED

VOTE AYE (4)

NAY(0)

**PLANNING COMMISSION ITEMS**

1. Trails, Parks, and Open Space Master Plan

Shawn Eliot stated he lives here in Elk Ridge and has been on the planning commission. He went through the Parks, Trail and Open Space Master Plan and did some word smithing to clean things up and make things clearer and added pictures. They added trail design standards. They updated the trail map to make it easier to see. They added the new info for the Goosenest Park. Lisa Graham stated she had found many significant changes to the trails and has a lot she would like to discuss after the presentation. Shawn Eliot stated there were park trails and paths and recommended naming them all trails. Trail sizes should all be the same as well as the 2-foot borders that edge the trails. Road share trails are trails next to roads not on roads and the plan had trails on the road that should be next to the road. Trails that are on the road that just have a stripe should have some sort of buffer from the street and went through various methods such as cement barriers, rubber posts etc., and road signs should be placed where they are not in the way of being hit by someone's head. Greg Shelton stated barriers along the road would interfere with snowplowing. Shawn Eliot stated the city would need equipment to clear the trails. The older part of town has smaller roads and would not allow on street parking with the trails. Shawn Eliot continued going through various trails and width standards and city right of way which is mostly 9 feet. He recommended finishing trails that are missing pieces for connectivity. Maintaining a fire road on the south end through the trail system was discussed. Maureen Bushman stated that the purpose of tonight's review is to see if this document is what they want to present to the city, it is not to try and fix all the problems. Park Dr., where there is a road share trail, people walk on that side of the road. They don't walk on the other side of the street. Cars that park in that trail create an obstacle where people have to walk around cars. Road share trails do work and do make a difference, whether there is a gap or buffer, it is worth having. Lisa Graham is concerned about taking away street parking on the older sections. Where are visitors, service trucks, supposed to park? There are some roads that don't have an easement, and she is adamantly opposed to taking away the parking. Public parking is a need, trails are a want and the 2 should not be confused and the city should not sacrifice a need for want. Shawn Eliot stated these areas would have to be looked at on a case-by-case basis. Ron Gailey stated maybe there needs to be a compromise and allow some short-term parking. There are some streets that do not have any easements to take,

48 in some cases it would leave homes with 20-foot setbacks. Maureen Bushman stated there are 2 things the city is  
49 looking at, future planning for areas that haven't been developed yet and retrofitting the older part of town.  
50 There can't be a blanket fix for everything. Ron Gailey asked if a constrained area plan or guideline could be  
51 developed. Maureen Bushman stated these areas, in the older developed part of town, need to be identified and  
52 given careful consideration. Lisa Graham has a lot of concerns and changes in the plan and will give them to  
53 Shawn. Shawn Eliot will take a look at the map and make some edits per the discussion tonight. Greg Shelton is  
54 very concerned about allowing people to park on a roadside trail and then someone riding a bike on the trail and  
55 getting hit because they have to go around a car. A work session with the Parks and Trails Committee will be  
56 planned to go through the masterplan. There wasn't much to change with the parks section. Maureen Bushman  
57 asked for clarification on who owned the ravine on Loafer Canyon Road. Shawn Eliot stated part is owned by  
58 the city and the other part is private.

59 **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 1, 2025**

60 Maureen Bushman stated change line 30 from Porter to Paxton and line 35 remove "ed" from concern.

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62 GREG SHELTON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR MAY 1, 2025, WITH THE CHANGES  
63 RON GAILEY SECONDED

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65 VOTE                      AYE(4)              NAY (0)              Approved

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67 **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 5, 2025**

68 Maureen Busman stated on line 38 correct to Graham

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70 RON GAILEY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH THE STATED CORRECTION FOR  
71 JUNE 5, 2025, LISA GRAHAM SECONDED

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73 VOTE                      AYE(4)              NAY (0)              Approved

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75 ADJOURN MAUREEN BUSHMAN MOTIONED TO ADJOURN GREG SHELTON SECONDED

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77 VOTE                      AYE(4)              NAY (0)              Approved

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Planning Commission Coordinator