

**Taneytown Planning Commission  
Minutes  
June 3, 2020**

The Taneytown Planning Commission met on June 3, 2020 at 5:30 PM in a virtual format. Present by videoconferencing were Planning Commission Chairman Parker and Commission members Glass, Fuller, Guckes, LeFavre and Naylor were present. Also present by videoconference were, City attorney Gullo, and planning director Wieprecht.

Minutes from the February 24, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously following motion by Commission member Naylor.

Planning Director Wieprecht summarized the Taneytown Crossing development and related efforts to amend the Carroll County Water & Sewer Master Plan to update the service classification of portions of the site to the priority service area. Attorney for the project, Clark Shaffer responded to questions from the Commission. Final site plan approval was granted unanimously following motion by Commission member Glass.

Planning director Wieprecht reviewed a request for a board of Appeals hearing for a semidetached dwelling to be constructed in the R-7,500 district on Courier Drive. Attorney Shaffer, representing the property owners spoke of the contract purchaser's desire to construct semidetached dwellings which would complement nearby semidetached homes. Commission member Naylor moved to provide a favorable recommendation to the Board of Appeals for the semidetached dwellings, and the motion passed unanimously.

Planning Director Wieprecht introduced a request for a site development plan waiver for 4335 Old Taneytown road to enable a landscape supply business to operate without going through the site plan process. Property owners Mike Murphy and Mark Kraus provided details on the intended operation. Planning director Wieprecht responded to questions on City code pertaining to the project and the property owners responded to questions the proposed operation. Adjacent property owner Mary Weeks addressed the commission via teleconference sharing concerns about potential environmental impacts of the proposed business. Chairman Parker moved to require a site development plan for the landscape supply business to continue. The motion passed with 5 votes in favor and Commission member Glass abstaining.

Planning director Wieprecht reviewed a request from Tannery Barn owner Victoria Claussen to eliminate a vehicle turn around area as depicted on the approved site development plan and utilize that portion of the property for a decorative pergola. Ms. Claussen provided additional information on the proposed change and the planned operation of the Tannery Barn as an event venue. Commission member Fuller moved to allow the change to remove the turn around area and use the area for a pergola, and the motion passed unanimously.

The next Commission meeting will be held on June 29, 2020. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM following unanimous approval of a motion by Commission member Glass.

Submitted by:  
Jim Wieprecht, Director of Planning and Zoning