

Taneytown Planning Commission

Minutes June 21, 2021

The Taneytown Planning Commission met on June 21, 2021 at 7:30 PM in the City Council chambers. Present were Planning Commission Chairman Parker and Commission members Glass, LeFavre, Brown, and Miller. Also present was City manager Wieprecht. Present by videoconference was Carroll County Planning liaison Harvey and City attorney Gullo. Chairman Parker welcomed new commission member Brad Brown. The meeting was live streamed and public comment opportunity was available via a conference call number provided.

Minutes from the May 24, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously following motion by Commission member Glass.

City manager Wieprecht introduced the Meadowbrook section 7 preliminary plan, and Dick Hull, partner in the development provided details on the 4 lot subdivision. No action was taken on the plan.

City manager Wieprecht reviewed a Board of Appeals Hearing application for 2 Dunkle Court, advising that a variance to reduce to the required 5' setback for a shed is being sought by the property owners. There is an existing shed that came to the County's attention when a building permit application for a swimming pool was reviewed. The shed was found to be encroaching into a forest conservation easement on the property as well as the 5' setback. The forest conservation easement revision was previously before the Commission and is in the approval process with the County. Commission member Glass moved to provide a favorable recommendation for the variance request, and the motion passed unanimously.

City manager Wieprecht provided an update on the month's planning and zoning activities ongoing development projects including the Meade's Crossing subdivision and Taneytown Crossing. City manager Wieprecht also advised that the Mayor and Council are giving consideration to hiring a consultant to lead the update of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

City attorney Gullo advised that the Sewell annexation process is moving forward, and that the annexation resolution is expected to be on the Mayor and Council's agenda in the next couple of months. Attorney Gullo also advised that the owner of property adjacent to the Sewell property, has expressed interest in annexation and will be addressing the Mayor and Council in July. This property includes frontage on Taneytown Pike.

County planning liaison Harvey informed the Commission that the County's the spring 2021 amendment to the Water & Sewer Master Plan was sent to the Maryland Department of the Environment. Ms. Harvey also advised that County staff is reviewing results of their survey on transportation and will be meeting with municipal staff in the coming months on the transportation master plan.

The next Commission meeting will be held on July 26, 2021. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM following unanimous approval of a motion by Commission member Glass.

Submitted by:
Jim Wieprecht, City Manager