

**Taneytown Planning Commission
Minutes
September 26, 2016**

The Taneytown Planning Commission met on September 26, 2016 at 7:30 PM in the City Council Chambers. Chairman Parker and commission members, LeFaivre, Glass, Archie, Wantz and Naylor were present. County planning liaison Graf, City attorney Gullo, City manager Heine and planning director Wieprecht were also in attendance.

The minutes of the August 29, 2016 Planning Commission meeting were reviewed. Commission member Wantz moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Planning director Wieprecht reviewed ordinance 26-2016; Bulletin Board Signs and Bulletin Board Signs Incorporating Electronic Message Display Boards. The ordinance was introduced by the Mayor and Council at their September meeting and no changes were made since the last time the commission saw the ordinance. The commission unanimously recommended approval of ordinance 26-2016 following motion by commission member Naylor.

Director Wieprecht reviewed his monthly report with the commission, and some discussion was held regarding the intent of downtown parking requirements for dwellings. Comments from the commission supported the need to ensure parking is provided for future downtown apartments. Planning director Wieprecht deferred the portion of his report regarding the Community Village ordinance for later in the meeting.

Director Wieprecht reviewed ongoing development projects, with Steve Smith of Meades Crossing providing an update on progress regarding architecture for Meades Crossing and ongoing efforts working with NVR / Ryan Homes to develop product for the project that will satisfy community village standards.

Attorney Gullo advised that The Mayor and Council expect to pass sign ordinance 26-2016 at their October meeting. Attorney Gullo invited commission members to attend the hearing on the ordinance to contribute as they see fit.

Carroll County planning liaison Graf advised that the County is entering into the fall amendment cycle for the County Water and Sewer Master Plan.

Discussion was held on the City's community village ordinance. City manager Heine and commission members contributed their opinions regarding what the ordinance was intended to accomplish and how community village neighborhoods should differ from other subdivisions. Community amenities and their effect on municipal open space and recreational facility needs were among topics explored.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2016. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM on motion by Commission member Glass.

Submitted by:

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