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The Taneytown Planning Commission met on September 24, 2018 at 7:30 PM in the City Council Chambers. Chairman Parker and commission members, LeFaivre, Wantz, Glass, and Naylor were present. County Planning liaison Stewart, City Attorney Gullo and planning director Wieprecht were also in attendance.

Minutes from the August 27, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved following motion by Commission member Glass.

Planning director Wieprecht summarized pending Board of Appeals case 2018-206 and introduced David Palmer, the applicant and partner in Brewery Fire LLC. Mr. Palmer reviewed plans for the microbrewery and answered questions regarding the proposed brewery. Mark Kraus, owner of Thunderhead Bowl responded to questions regarding the site and access between the bowling alley portion of the building and the proposed brewery portion as well as possibilities for future brewery expansion at the site. Commission member Wantz moved to make a favorable recommendation for Brewery Fire to the BZA. The motion passed unanimously.

Planning Director Wieprecht reviewed his monthly report, advising that circumstances of 226 East Baltimore Street have changed since the previous meeting regarding consideration of allowing drive through service to properties in the Downtown Business District like that one, that are not typical of the district. Planning director Wieprecht updated the Commission on the Tannery Barn on Frederick Street, with some Commission members expressing concern on how events have progressed at that site. Planning Director Wieprecht updated the commission on active projects.

City attorney Gullo provided an update on the Meade's Avenue railroad crossing.

Carroll County liaison Stewart advised that a public hearing on County's Freedom Area plan will be held on October 3, 2018, and that the comprehensive rezoning effort is ongoing with Employment Campus updates going before the County Planning Commission. Liaison Stewart also advised that Planning Commissioner training as required by the State will be provided on October 25, 2018. Planning Director Wieprecht expanded on that training, reminding Commission members that it is scheduled as part of the 2018 Maryland Planning Commissioners Association conference to be held in Gaithersburg on October 25 and 26, 2018. Planning Director Wieprecht advised that the Commission does have a budget for training should any members wish to attend.

The next Commission meeting will be held on October 29, 2018. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 following motion by Commission Member Glass.

Submitted by:

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