

**Taneytown Planning Commission
Minutes
October 29, 2018**

The Taneytown Planning Commission met on October 29, 2018 at 7:30 PM in the City Council Chambers. Chairman Parker and commission members, LeFaivre, Wantz, Glass, Naylor, and Hale were present. County Planning liaison Stewart, and planning director Wieprecht were also in attendance.

Minutes from the September 24, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved following motion by Commission member Naylor.

Chairman Parker welcomed new Commission member Hale.

Planning director Wieprecht introduced Jim Thomas, a County resident and owner of property in the vicinity of the Meade's Crossing subdivision. Mr. Thomas has spoken with nearby County residents regarding the Meade's Crossing development and as something of a spokesman for those residents, wished to address the Commission to point out some planning considerations from the point of view of a rural neighbor. Prior to beginning his presentation, Mr. Thomas presented a petition signed by several of these residents regarding future phases of Meade's Crossing. Mr. Thomas explained the importance he sees in consideration of several design ideas for future phases of Meade's Crossing as well as other instances where development may be planned proximate to rural areas. Mr. Thomas asked that the Commission take nearby residents' suggestions in mind when future phases of the Meade's Crossing project are under review and spoke of design considerations and the influence each may have on a community; the one being planned as well as any existing community nearby. Mr. Thomas also spoke to Meade's Crossing differing from the vision of a Community Village overlay as described in City code. Several residents proximate to Meade's Crossing shared concerns with the Commission, several of which related to the limited capacity of Diehl Rd. for additional traffic.

Planning Director Wieprecht reviewed his monthly report and updated the Commission on active development projects.

County Liaison Stewart advised that the County has adopted the Freedom Area Plan, and that revisions to County commercial, industrial and employment campus zoning regulations would be going to the Board of County Commissioners next month. Revisions to County residential zoning regulations will be introduced to Planning Commission towards year end.

The next Commission meeting will be held on November 26, 2018. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM following motion by Commission Member Glass.

Submitted by:

Jim Wieprecht
Director of Planning and Zoning