

**Taneytown Planning Commission
Minutes
January 7, 2019**

The Taneytown Planning Commission met on January 7, 2019 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 November 26, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved following motion by Commission member Wantz.

Planning director Wieprecht summarized pending BZA case # 2018-208 which would enable the builder of townhomes in the Meade's Crossing subdivision to offer a minimum of a 10' deep deck on all townhomes in the community. A number of townhome lots, as specified in the application would not accommodate that size deck due to the smaller than typical lots within Meade's Crossing and the staggered setbacks within each cluster or 'stick' of townhomes. Mr. Steve Smith of Meade's Crossing presented additional detail regarding the variance request. Mr. Dave Cahill presented details from the builder's perspective. Commission member Wantz moved to make a favorable recommendation to the Board of Appeals for the variances requested. Mr. Wantz also recommended that the builder provide ground level access at the rear of each unit. The motion passed 3 to 2 with Commission members Glass and Parker opposed.

Planning Director Wieprecht briefly reviewed the pending ordinance 07-2018, Zoning Map Correction, which adds properties not part of the City when the previous zoning map was adopted and corrects an error in which several properties on Mill Avenue were intended to be zoned Downtown Business; but were not updated on the 2010 map as such. Commission member Glass moved to recommend passage of ordinance 07-2018, and the motion passed unanimously.

Planning Director Wieprecht provided a brief report and summarized ongoing development projects.

County Planning liaison Stewart advised the Commission that the Water and Sewer Master Plan will be introduced to the Board of County Commissioners on January 9, 2019, and that at the Commission's January 28, 2019 meeting she will be requesting the Commission certify chapters 3 and 4 of the County-wide Bike and Pedestrian Plan.

The next meeting will be held on January 28, 2018. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:28PM on motion by Commission Member Glass.

Submitted by:

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