

**Taneytown Planning Commission
Minutes
January 28, 2019**

The Taneytown Planning Commission met on January 28, 2019 at 7:30 PM in the City Council Chambers. Chairman Parker and commission members, LeFaivre, Glass, Naylor, and Hale were present. County Planning liaison Stewart, and planning director Wieprecht were also in attendance.

Minutes from the January 7, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved following motion by Commission member Naylor.

Planning Director Wieprecht reviewed the status of the Monocacy Cremation Services site plan, and Joel Brengle, the developer's surveyor presented the Preliminary plan for the site. Mr. Brengle explained the challenges of the project including site limitations for a landscaped buffer and an existing storm drain that runs beneath the existing building and would remain beneath the proposed building. The project architect has developed alternate footer plans for the proposed building as the developer has not been able to confirm the diameter of the existing storm drain beneath the building. Reviews of the project will continue.

County Planning liaison Stewart reviewed recent efforts regarding the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan, including recent updates to trail surfaces for Bollinger park and Piney Creek Trails in the Taneytown portion of the plan. Ms. Stewart advised that the County is seeking certification of chapters 3 and 4 of the plan, which the Commission had reviewed and commented on previously. Commission member Hale moved to certify the Taneytown portions of chapters 3 and 4 of the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan, and the motion passed unanimously.

Planning Director Wieprecht presented information regarding the City's Bollinger Park concept plan to the Commission. MR. Wieprecht noted items planned for the first phase of the project, including an access point along Fringer Road, a small paved parking area and grass area that may be used for overflow parking and a loop trail beginning and ending at the parking area. Storm water management for these facilities is included in the first phase of the project. A future phase of the project is planned to extend the access drive and trails to add an observatory to be erected by the Westminster Astronomical Society and a second parking area along with storm water management for those features. Commission member Glass moved to approve the Bollinger Park Concept Plan. Chairman Parker opened the floor for comments and questions prior to a vote on the matter. Several residents who live proximate to the park expressed concerns over the planned development of the park, such as increased traffic on Fringer Road, loss of privacy, potential trespass, and various other negatives that City dwellers would bring to the area by using the park. Following discussion, the motion passed 4 to 1, with Commission member LeFaivre casting the dissenting vote.

Planning Director Wieprecht provided a brief report on the recent Taneytown Crossing Board of Appeals hearing and reviewed ongoing development projects with the Commission.

County Planning liaison Stewart advised the Commission that a public hearing on the Water and Sewer Master Plan will be held on February 7, 2019, and the Board of County Commissioners may adopt the plan on February 21, 2019.

The next meeting will be held on February 25, 2019. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM on motion by Commission Member Glass.

Submitted by:

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