

Garrett County Planning Commission Minutes

December 6, 2023

- I. **Call to Order-** Chairman Tony Doerr called the regular meeting of the Garrett County Planning Commission to order at 1:30 pm on December 6, 2023, in the County Commissioners Meeting Room in the Garrett County Courthouse.
- II. **Attendance-** The following Commission members were present: Tony Doerr, Tim Schwinabart, Jeff Messenger, Jeff Conner, Liz George, Bruce Swift and Bill Weissgerber. Planning staff included Chad Fike, Siera Wigfield and John Groves.
- III. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes-** The minutes were approved as presented.
- IV. **Reports of Officers-**None.
- V. **Old Business-** None
- VI. **New Business –**
 - a) **Deep Creek Watershed Zoning Appeals Cases-** None
 - b) **Major Subdivision: Cathedral Springs Final Plats-** 1000 Acres Golf Properties, LLC submitted a Final Plat for Lot 6 of the Cathedral Springs Subdivision. The property (Map 67, Parcel 793) is located along Crows Point Road in the Lake Residential 1 zoning district. The Planning Commission approved the plat by a unanimous vote.
 - c) **County Agricultural Preservation Districts-** Siera Wigfield & John Groves presented the following proposed district applications. After discussion the Planning Commission approved the applications by a unanimous vote.
 - YR-167 Custer, 1390 Fearer Road, 378 Green Gables Road
 - YR-166 Custer, Blue Goose Road
 - DC-168 Custer, Harvey Peninsula Road, North Glade Road, Clark Lohr Road
 - CR-165 Carey, 17729 National Pike
 - CR-162 Housley, Rock Lodge Road
 - BC-163 Lyons, Sam Friend Road
 - YR-164 Greenstein, Roth Reynolds Road
 - d) **2014 Water & Sewer Master Plan Amendment.** Siera Wigfield presented a proposed amendment to the 2014 Water & Sewer Master Plan. The amendment contains updated maps and text associated with the Wisp Mountain Water Storage Tank project. The improvements are intended to meet the source water storage and pressure needs in the McHenry Water Service Area. After review, the Planning Commission determined that the amendment was appropriate and consistent with the land development policies

outlined in the 2022 Garrett County Comprehensive Plan. Accordingly, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to approve the amendment and forward it to the County Commissioners for their consideration.

- e) **Transportation Update-** Siera Wigfield updated the Planning Commission on several transportation related issues. Ms. Wigfield informed the Commission of her recent efforts to secure a grant to develop a concept plan for a bike and pedestrian connection from Oakland to Loch Lynn; a grant for a feasibility study for a trail connecting Oakland to Herrington Manor, and funding for a joint Highway Safety Plan with Allegany County. She also updated the Commission on the Transportation Priority Letter that is annually sent to MDOT. Elements of this plan include the 219 North Extension to the Pennsylvania State line; 219 safety improvements at Trader's Landing the Oakland Bypass.
- f) **Next Meeting –** January 3, 2024
- g) **Adjournment-** Chairman Tony Doerr adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Chad Fike, Assistant Director