

GARRETT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND MANAGEMENT

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MINUTES

The Garrett County Planning Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 6, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., in the County Commissioners Meeting Room. Members and guests in attendance at the meeting included:

Tony Doerr
Bruce Swift
Jeff Conner
Jim Hinebaugh

Tim Schwinabart
Liz Georg
David Moe
William Weissgerber

Chet Parsons-AECOM
Deborah Carpenter -staff
William DeVore -staff

1. Call to Order - by Chairman Tony Doerr at 1:30 pm.
2. The May minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Report of Officers – None
4. Unfinished Business – None
5. New Business – None

A. Miscellaneous

1. Deep Creek Watershed Zoning Appeals Cases-

- a. **VR-782-** an application submitted by William McFadden, for a Variance to allow an addition to a single family residence to within ten (10) feet of a rear property line. The owner has purchased the buy-down from the State of Maryland. The property is located at 68 Round Beach Circle Drive, tax

map 59, parcel 140 and is zoned LR1. The Planning Commission offered no formal comments on the request.

- 2. Action on (PRDs) Planned Residential Developments-** None
- 3. Action on Major Subdivisions-** The Record Plat of Hickory Ridge Subdivision Lot 9 & 11 was signed by the Chairman. No formal action was required by the Commission since the subdivision had already received final approval by the Commission.
- 4. Agricultural Preservation Districts-** None
- 5. Comprehensive Plan Discussion-**

Chet Parsons of AECOM explained that the Community Visioning Open House to kick off the Comprehensive Plan public engagement process was held on May 18th at Garrett College. Mr. Parsons distributed a nine page packet with some of the results of that event. Some questions ensued regarding the “word cloud” that was generated from the event, which is a summary of the comments received, from the public. Now the format and general components will be used to develop goals and strategies for the Plan process. He believes that there was good feedback and participation at the meeting that will be helpful at the next meeting. A summary map with green dots shows the assets that were pointed out at the meeting.

Questions arose regarding “growing school population”, the aging population and duplicate comments. Additional open houses will be scheduled.

6. Update from Commissioner Hinebaugh-

Michael Hough has been hired to fill the position of Director of Economic Development. The Commissioner believes that Mr. Hough is having a great start and will be highly successful in this role.

Also, an agreement has been recently finalized with the Maryland Economic Development Corporation for a 20,000 square-foot shell building to be built at the McHenry Industrial Park. The County will be reimbursed for the land at a later date.

Additionally, the County is very close to receiving the Water Appropriations permit for the Hoyes Run development, which would allow for increased water capacity, for continued growth in McHenry area.

The water treatment facility for Puzzley Run is under construction at this time, which has been 20 years in the making. The wells for the facility are located on

DNR property further complicating the project. The treatment facility will allow for further development at the Keyzers Ridge Industrial Park.

- B. Next Scheduled meeting** –The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for **July 12, 2018**, in the County Commissioners Meeting Room, at **1:30 pm**.
- C. Adjournment- 2:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

William J. DeVore
Zoning Administrator