Garrett County Planning Commission Minutes March 2, 2022

I. Call to order

Tony Doerr called the regular meeting of the Garrett County Planning Commission to order at 1:30 pm on March 2, 2022, in the Commissioners Meeting Room in the Garrett County Courthouse.

II. Attendance

The following Commission members were present: Tony Doerr, Jeff Messenger, Bruce Swift, Shelley Argabrite and Tim Schwinabart. Planning staff included Chad Fike, Bruce Metz, Siera Wigfield and Sam Thomas.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Reports of Officers- None

V. New Business

a) Zoning Appeals Cases-

- **SE-498-** an application submitted by Palmerino Ciotti & Turning Point Energy for a Special Exception to allow the construction of a Solar Energy Generating System / Community. The property is located along Garrett Highway, tax map 58, parcel 200, grid 21 and is zoned Town Residential. This will be the first application subject to the solar regulations amended into the Deep Creek Watershed Zoning Ordinance last year. The Planning Commission offered no formal opinion but did mention that they feel the new solar regulations provide a solid framework for the Board of Appeals to review the application.
- VR-828- an application submitted by Maureen Kimicata for a Variance to build a new 14'x20' accessory building on a lake front lot to within 1' of the rear property line. The property is located at 1581 Marsh Hill Road, tax map 50, parcel 515, grid 7 and is zoned LR1. The Planning Commission offered no comments.
- b) **County Agricultural Districts-** The Planning Commission reviewed and then granted approval of the following Districts, each by a unanimous vote.
 - **BC-142 Bravo 4 Land Company-** 224.88 acres located along Fish Hatchery Road and Garrett Highway; Map 24, Parcel 79.

- YR-143- Timothy Sisler- 260.65 acres located along Friendsville Road; Map 24, Parcel 78.
- YR-144- Richard Sisler- 110.1 acres located along Asher Glade Road and Friendsville Road; Map 3, Parcel 57.
- YR-145- Justin Gregory- 50.1 acres located at 491 Sanders Lane; Map 71, Parcel 48.
- YR-146- Jeffery Gregory- 109.6 acres located at 238 Maffett Lane; Map 71, Parcel 15.
- SR-147- Jason Smith- 200 acres at 2378 Green Lantern Road; Map 71, Parcel 15
- CR-148- Kenneth Green- 129.3 acres located at 1183 Sam Crow Road; Map 19, Parcel 32
- c) Poland Run Heights Lot 22 Final Plat- Bill Franklin submitted a Final Plat of Lot 22 Poland Run Heights. The property (Tax Map 67, Parcel 787) is located off Poland Heights Lane in a Lake Residential 1 zoning district. The Planning Commission reviewed and then granted approval of the Final Plat by a unanimous vote.
- d) Land Preservation Parks and Preservation Plan (LPPRP)- Siera Wigfield gave the Planning Commission an update on the Land Preservation Parks and Preservation Plan (LPPRP). The State of Maryland requires that counties update LPPRPs every five years. The Plans qualify local governments for Program Open Space (POS) grants and other programs. The last Plan was approved in 2017. The draft LPPRP has been shared with DNR.

VI. Next Meeting – April 6, 2022

VII. Adjournment

Tony Doerr adjourned the meeting at 1:54 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Chad Fike, Assistant Director