

Minutes
Walkersville Planning Commission
September 25, 2018

Commission Chairman Richard Brady called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with members David Ennis, Gary Baker, Mike Kuster and John Zimmerman present. Also present was Town Planner Susan Hauver. Members Tim Pollak and Ray Santullo were absent.

1. Minutes

Member Ennis made a motion, seconded by Member Baker, to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2018 meeting with one correction. The motion passed on a vote of 4-0-1 (Kuster).

2. Subdivision Entrance Sign: Spring View Estates (Bell property)

Planner Hauver presented the plan for the entrance sign to be located at the entrance of the development along MD 194 at Kershner Road. Ms. Morgan Eiters, representing developer Woodsboro Pike LLC noted that they would use rocks from the site to create a natural look and plan to include up lights. This is the only sign planned for the neighborhood. Mr. Brady suggested that they put a sign on Fountain Rock Rd. as well.

Member Kuster made a motion, seconded by Member Ennis, to approve the sign plans as submitted. The motion passed on a vote of 5-0.

3. Agricultural Preservation Easement Application: Mehring farm, Dublin Rd (Frederick County referral)

Planner Hauver presented the referral from Frederick County, noting the location of the proposed easement and noting that it adjoins the Lonza property and could potentially be used to provide an alternative entrance to that property. Commission members also noted the floodplain area that crosses the property (Dublin branch). Member Zimmerman noted that the farm is not the best farm because of the low areas. Members agreed that they had no objection to the proposal, and also noted that the farm may not end up with an easement, given the competition with other farms and the long approval process ahead of it.

Member Ennis made a motion, seconded by Member Baker, to recommend to the Burgess and Commissioners that the Town support the application for the agricultural preservation easement on the Mehring farm. The motion passed on a vote of 5-0.

4. Announcements

Planner Hauver updated the Commission members on the upcoming project to update the Town's Design Manual and the work being done on the Town MS4 (stormwater) permit.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. Hauver