

Taneytown Planning Commission
Minutes from September 29, 2025
Revised on March 30, 2026

The Taneytown Planning Commission met on September 29, 2025, at 7:30 PM in the City Council chambers. Present were Chairman Parker and Commission members Myers, Glass, Meade, Garner, and Isenberg. Planning Director Gray and City Manager Wieprecht were also in attendance. This meeting was open to the public in person.

-Minutes from the August 25, 2025, meeting were approved unanimously following a motion by Commission member Isenberg which was seconded by Commission member Myers.

DELEGATION AND ACTION ITEMS

-City manager Wieprecht introduced representative for McDonalds at 520 E Baltimore Street from Bohler Engineering. Brandon Rowe and Johnny Lisk, of Bohler, presented a concept site plan to redevelop the existing site, and summarized their pending Board of Appeals variance application for case 2025-233. Concerns about the number of parking spaces dedicated for uses other than parking for dining patrons were shared. Commission members questioned availability of parking spaces in the adjacent shopping center, and if an easement for shared parking was considered. Should such parking be authorized, the commission suggested that a crosswalk and adequate lighting be considered. While the commission did not make an overall recommendation, they directed staff to report these comments and concerns to the Board of Appeals.

- City manager Wieprecht introduced the proposed concept plan for a Taco Bell at 529 East Baltimore Street. The developer's engineer, Lauren Smuz, from Dynamic Engineering Consultants presented a detailed overview of the concept plan and pending Board of Appeals case # 25-234. Public comments were heard, and were generally concerned with traffic, safety, noise and lighting impacts to the adjacent residential community. Consensus of the commission was to provide a favorable recommendation to the Board of Appeals for the requested sign variance. City manager Wieprecht is to schedule a presentation of the project's traffic study at a future Commission meeting.

-Evapco, represented by their attorney, Kelly Shaffer Miller, summarized a proposed off site parking lot adjacent to one currently under construction, accessed via Allendale Lane. Ms. Miller advised that some modification to the lot under construction, would be needed to accommodate connection to the proposed lot. Commission members questioned the need for and location of ADA parking spaces within the proposed lot. Consensus of the Commission was to make a favorable recommendation to the Board of Appeals while ensuring the ADA related questions were addressed.

City manager Wieprecht introduced the preliminary site development plan for a new Taneytown Public Works facility on Allendale Lane, advising that the recently approved concept site plan included much of the detail required at the preliminary plan stage. Commission members reiterated previous concerns regarding parking relative to the number of seats in the proposed classroom and the single point of access to the site.

City manager Wieprecht informed the Commission that all review agency approvals were on file for the Taneytown Supply preliminary plan. Mr. Wieprecht refreshed the Commission on aspects of the plan, located on Antrim Blvd., and responded to Commissioners' questions regarding the status of the proposed Hartman Street planned to cross the property, advising that the plan included dedication of the needed area for the future connection. Commissioner Meade made a motion to approve the preliminary site plan for Taneytown Supply. Seconded by Commissioner Isenberg. The motion passed 5-0.

County Planning Liaison, Tiffany Fosset updated the Commission on ongoing County text amendments and Comprehensive plan update.

-Commission members discussed progress on the Taneytown Community Comprehensive Plan 2025 update. The Commission requested a workshop be scheduled for members to review and discuss progress and current status of the ongoing plan update in an open format without the consultant facilitating the discussion.

-The **next Planning Commission** meeting will be held on October 27 at 7:30p.m. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 PM following unanimous approval of a motion by Commission member Isenberg, seconded by Commission Member Garner.

Submitted by:
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City Manager