

Meeting Minutes of Planning Commission
Town of Laytonsville
March 8, 2018

Attendance: Members Eric Wenger, Pete Stadler, Brendan Deyo and Tim Shortley were present. Member Obed Pelligrino and Mark Frankowski were absent. Secretary Charlene Dillingham was present. Chair Wenger called the meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 7:35 p.m.

Member Deyo made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2017 meeting as amended. Member Shortley seconded the motion. **Unanimously approved.**

New Business:

Laytonsville Preserve Trees – Member Stadler stated that trees had been planted on Brink Road, Higgins Road, White House Lane, Cracklin Road and Cracklin Court.

Laytonsville Grove speed bumps – Chair Wenger stated that speed bumps had been installed on Maple Knoll Drive to slow down traffic bound for Laytonsville Grove. The speed bumps are temporary but the town will decide whether to maintain them when the road is turned over to the town.

Laytonsville Grove street trees – Chair Wenger, Montgomery County inspector Brian Sotero and arborist Chris Meyers inspected the street trees on Maple Knoll Drive and Barberry Lane and Birdie Lane. The inspection revealed that the new trees had been planted incorrectly. The roots of the existing trees on Mobley Farm Drive had been damaged during sidewalk construction.

Laytonsville Grove reforestation – Member Stadler commented that the reforestation area will be planted as soon as it is practical. He noted that the town has lots of forestation that will be here forever. He would like get try to plant chestnut tree that were here years ago but wiped out by blight in the 1930s.

Montgomery Chapter MML Meeting: Chair Wenger reported that he and Council Member Jim O’Hair represented Mayor Jim Ruspi at the February Montgomery County Chapter of the MML. This meeting was held in Rockville, Maryland and included a Q&A period with the County Executive Ike Leggett. Chair Wenger indicated that Laytonsville was given an opportunity to speak and addressed the bypass that was taken off the County Inventory and requested that it be placed back. The County Executive directed his staff person responsible for roads, Ms. Bonnie Kirkland, to work with Mr. Wenger to see that this was addressed. Mr. Wenger stated that he and Mr. O’Hair had spoken to Ms. Kirkland both prior to and following the meeting and she was very familiar with the bypass and the problems communicating with the State and said she would address his concern. Chair Wenger added that the state comments on the Comprehensive Plan had caused the county to disqualify the by-pass. Chair Wenger remarked that the split zoning of lots in Rolling Ridge subdivision was perhaps a mistake.

Old Business:

None

There being no further business, Member Deyo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Member Shortley seconded the motion. *Unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Dillingham
Secretary
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