



## Garrett County Government Department of Community Development Planning & Land Management Division

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### Garrett County Planning Commission Minutes June 4, 2025

1. **Call to Order-** Tony Doerr called the regular meeting of the Garrett County Planning Commission to order at 1:30 pm on June 4, 2025, in the County Commissioners Meeting Room in the Garrett County Courthouse.
2. **Attendance-** Planning Commission members: Tony Doerr, Tim Schwinabart, Larry Tichnell, Liz Georg, Jeff Conner and Jeff Messenger. Planning staff: Chad Fike.
3. **Approval of Minutes-** The previous meeting minutes were approved as presented.
4. **Accessory Dwelling Units-** Commissioner Tichnell brought up recent State legislation regarding Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU). Mr. Fike mentioned potential concerns in the Deep Creek area such as increased density on small lots, rental issues and problems with water and sewer capacity. The Deep Creek Watershed Zoning Ordinance may need amended to address ADUs.
5. **Membership Update-** Mr. Fike informed the Planning Commission that the Board of County Commissioners reappointed Tim Schwinabart for another term, appointed Bruce Swift to fulfill the remaining term of Bill Weissgerber as a full-time member and appointed Terah Crawford as a new alternate member.
6. **Deep Creek Watershed Zoning Appeals Cases-**
  - **SE-516** - an application submitted by Thrasher Engineering c/o UGE and Alexander & Ekaterina Koyfman for a Special Exception for a Solar Energy Generating System / Community. The property is located at 465 Pysell Road, McHenry, MD 21541, Map 42, Parcel 29, Grid 13 and is zoned Lake Residential 2. The Planning Commission discussed concerns about glare and potential impacts to the airport but made no motion to send formal comments to the Board of Appeals.
7. **Major Subdivisions:**
  - **None**
8. **Adjournment** – Chairman Tony Doerr adjourned the meeting at 1:41 pm.

**Minutes submitted by Chad Fike, Assistant Director**