



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

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Garrett County Planning Commission Minutes November 5, 2025

1. **Call to Order-** Tony Doerr called the regular meeting of the Garrett County Planning Commission to order at 1:30 pm in the County Commissioners Meeting Room in the Garrett County Courthouse.
2. **Attendance-** Planning Commission members: Tony Doerr, Larry Tichnell, Tim Schwinabart, Bruce Swift and Terah Crawford. Planning staff: Chad Fike.
3. **Approval of Minutes-** The previous meeting minutes were approved as presented.
4. **Reports, Updates and Announcements-** None
5. **Deep Creek Watershed Zoning Appeals Cases-**
 - **VR-849-** an application submitted by Doug Storck, at DCL Design Studios, c/o David & Lorraine Fike, for a Variance to allow the construction of a residential porch and deck addition to within 15' of the rear property line. The property is located at 904 Stockslager Road, Oakland, MD 21550, tax map 57, parcel 665, grid 3 and is zoned Lake Residential1. The Planning Commission discussed but did not offer a formal opinion.
 - **VR-848** – an application submitted by James & Lora Venturella for a Variance to allow the construction of a residential addition to within 10.5' of the side lot line. The property is located at 96 Shingle Camp Terrace, McHenry, MD 21541, tax map 50, parcel 359, lot 54, grid 19 and is zoned Lake Residential-1. The Planning Commission discussed but did not offer a formal opinion.
6. **Major Subdivisions:**
 - **Poland Run East Lot 4-** 1000 Acres Golf Properties, LLC submitted a Final Plat for Lot 4 on their property (Tax Map 67, Parcel 789) located along Thousand Acres Road in a Lake residential 1 zoning district.
 - **Ridgeview Valley PRD- Revision to Tentative Plan.** Ridgeview Valley LLC submitted a request to remove a 16.28-acre lot and 18 development units from the total number of approved units within the development. The PRD currently contains 206.12 acres and a potential for 219 units. The revised total Tentative Plan would include 189.84 acres and 201 units. Several Ridgeview Valley property owners attended the meeting and expressed concerns about how removal of the property would impact access to open space areas, HOA fees, dumpster location, potential loss of amenities. They also questioned how this would change impact development. In light of these concerns, the Planning Commission unanimously approved a motion to table the request.
7. **Adjournment** – Chairman Tony Doerr adjourned the meeting at 2:02 pm.

Minutes submitted by Chad Fike, Assistant Director