

MIDDLETOWN PLANNING COMMISSION
31 West Main Street
Middletown, Maryland

Regular Workshop

April 10, 2024

The workshop of the Middletown Planning Commission took place on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in person and via LifeSize. Those present (quorum) were Commission Chair Mark Carney, Member Chris Mills, Town Board Liaison Larry Bussard, Alternate Lori Summers, and Temporary Alternate Dave Hiller. Others present in official capacity: Cindy Unangst (Staff Planner). Residents in attendance who spoke: Becky Myers, Judy Wegner, Rich Gallagher.

APRIL MONTHLY PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP:

PUBLIC COMMENT – Becky Myers spoke to the commission members about her grave concerns regarding the school plans. She asked that the commission members wear the hat of doing what is best for the community when reviewing the plans especially in relation to concerns about adjacent neighbors’ privacy, noise issues, stormwater management, erosion control, and lighting. She feels that a wall is needed as opposed to a fence at the property line to keep cars accessing the school from jumping the curb and ending up in their backyards. Becky feels that her neighborhood will need a respite from the ongoing noise during the construction period and there is concern about the stability of the hill between the properties and saving the trees along that hill. Chair Carney responded that the commission will certainly keep those concerns in mind.

Judy Wegner added that she is concerned about air pollution during construction that could affect some folks on Woodmere Circle with severe asthma, along with any teachers or students at the middle school that could be affected by it as well. She feels that the car drop-off loop should be closed after pick-up is over after school lets out, and that a solid wall between the properties will help with noise, lighting, and privacy concerns. Judy also talked about the major amount of water that comes between 4 and 5 Woodmere Circle during storms.

Rich Gallagher talked about drainage being a big issue and suggested that the commission members to out to the field site and walk the slope area to see for themselves.

PLAN REVIEW - none

ZONING

Remsburg Park Annexation – Cindy reviewed the requested zoning for the property in conjunction with the town’s comprehensive plan and the county’s comprehensive plan maps. She noted that the County has the east wastewater treatment plant designated as Institutional for the land use. Since Middletown does not have an Institutional zoning district, all institutional properties are zoned Open Space.

MISCELLANEOUS – Cindy stated that Eric Ware had submitted his resignation and there was discussion about whether Lori or Dave would move up as the voting member. Cindy also stated that she had already received two applications for the temporary alternate opening.

Workshop adjourned at 7:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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