

**MIDDLETOWN PLANNING COMMISSION
31 West Main Street
Middletown, Maryland**

Workshop

March 11, 2020

The regular workshop of the Middletown Planning Commission took place on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Middletown Municipal Center, 31 West Main Street, Middletown, MD 21769. Those present (quorum) were Commission Chairman Mark Carney, Ex-officio member Tom Catania, Commission Members Rich Gallagher, Bob Miller, David Lake, Dixie Eichelberger, Alternate, and Eric Ware, Temporary Alternate. Others present in official capacity: Cindy Unangst (Staff Planner). Applicants present: Mike Moran (Lancaster Builders), Jim Merkel and Brian Riesett (St. Thomas More Academy)

MARCH MONTHLY PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP:

PLAN REVIEW –

Hollow Creek Professional Center Architectural Renderings – Mr. Moran of Lancaster Builders reviewed the changes to the building renderings. There was discussion about the colors, sign details, and height of trees used in the renderings. Commissioner Catania talked about the building height discussion that took place during the Town Board meeting on February 24th. The applicant was asked to provide some changes to the renderings ahead of the meeting.

St. Thomas More Academy Revised Site Plan – The proposed change to one building instead of two was explained. There was discussion on what the building would look like, and the applicant was asked to provide the area of decking to the plan as well as to update the proposed rendering as needed.

Memorial Park Storage Shed Replacement Site Plan – Cindy stated the reason for the proposed replacement shed and that the applicant might resubmit plans for a slightly smaller shed so that it doesn't need approval by Frederick County.

ZONING –

Forest Resource Ordinance text amendment – Cindy explained that the reason for the text amendment is to comply with the state regulations that went into effect last October. They entail reporting requirements and the addition of forest mitigation banking efforts ahead of contributing fee-in-lieu money to the town's forest conservation fund. There was discussion about protecting existing forests into the future and how that might be accomplished.

MISCELLANEOUS – none

Workshop adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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