



PLANNING & BUILDING JANUARY 2020



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8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Quarterly Stats

October, November, December

New Residential:	9
Accessory:	5
Fence:	10
Total Permits:	70

Upcoming

*All meetings are held in the Town Hall
Council Chambers unless otherwise noted.*

Board of Zoning Appeals 6:30 p.m.
1/2 Cancelled – No Agenda Items
2/5 and 3/4

Technical Advisory Committee 1:00 p.m.
1/2 Cancelled—No Agenda Items
2/6; 3/5

Architectural Review Committee 5:30 p.m.
1/21; 2/18; 3/17

Plan Commission 6:30 p.m.
1/21; 2/18; 3/17



2020 Census

You Count! 2020 is the year for the decennial census count and we need your help to make sure McCordsville is fully represented!

The Census is a Constitutionally mandated event that takes place every 10 years. In the past, Census workers went door-to-door recording everybody living in the residence. Now, you will receive a request to participate in the mail sometime between mid-February through mid-March. You will have the option of responding by phone, online, or by mail.

The information you submit to the Census Bureau is completely confidential. It will not be shared with any other Federal, State, or Local agency. In fact, by law, the data cannot be shared! The data collected is used to produce statistics that help determine funding, representation, and other programs.

The Census Bureau is looking for Census Workers. You can find more information at www.census.gov

Question of the Month

Q: Am I responsible for shoveling the sidewalk in front of my house?

A: This is a tricky question. The Town of McCordsville does not have an ordinance regarding shoveling snow from the sidewalks. However, many of the Home Owners Associations do, so you need to check your HOA Covenants.

If you do shovel your driveway and sidewalk, you should be aware the State has a law prohibiting shoveling the snow into the streets, as it can create difficulties for emergency vehicles.

The Town does ask that if the weather forecasts call for accumulating snow, you do not park on the streets so that we can safely plow. Also, Ordinance 040814 states that if red or orange travel advisories are issued by the State, then on street parking is prohibited.

*Please contact the Planning & Building
Department Staff with any questions!*

Building Briefs

Technical Advisory Committee

The Technical Advisory Committee met in October, November, and December to review plans for Gateway Senior Apartments, McCord Pointe Sections 4 and 5, and Weaver's Point Section 2 and the Amenity Area.

The next meetings are scheduled for Feb. 6, and Mar. 5. The January 2 meeting was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items. The meetings will be cancelled if there are no items on the agenda. Please check our website for up to date information.

TAC is an eight-member committee that meets on the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Town Hall's Council Chambers. The purpose of the committee is to assist in the reviewing of development plans before submission to either the Plan Commission or the Board of Zoning Appeals. Meetings are open to the public.

Board of Zoning Appeals

The Board of Zoning Appeals did not meet in October, November, or December.

The next meetings are scheduled for Feb. 5 and Mar. 4. The January meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda items. Please check our website for agendas and up to date information.

The Board of Zoning Appeals is a statutory five-member board whose purpose is to conduct hearing and render decisions on appeal, variances, special exceptions, or changes of non-conforming uses and to hear other petitions deemed to fall within its purview. The BZA meets monthly on the first Wednesday in the Town Hall's Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

Advisory Plan Commission

The Advisory Plan Commission met in October and approved plans for Outlook Christian Church, Sagebrook zoning, and Gateway Crossing Senior Apartments. In November, the Commission approved plans for the Weaver's Landing Amenity Area, made a favorable recommendation to the Town Council for the proposed PUD for Meadows at Sagebrook, and moved to make a favorable recommendation to the Town Council to accept the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The December meeting included approving plans for McCord Pointe Sections 4 and 5, Weaver's Landing Section 2, reviewing the plan for Town Center and making a favorable recommendation to the Town Council to accept the Town Center plans.

The Plan Commission is a seven-member panel convened to conduct public hearing for re-zonings and review and act on subdivision plats and PUD's. Certain actions of the Advisory Plan Commission are sent to the Town Council to take under consideration.

The Commission meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall's Council Chambers. The next meetings are scheduled for Jan. 21, Feb. 18, and Mar. 17. The meetings will be cancelled if there are no items on the agenda. Please check our website for up to date information. Meetings are open to the public.

Architectural Review Committee

The Architectural Review Committee met in October and November to review the home elevations and Amenity Area at Weaver's Landing. The committee asked that twelve pairs of elevations remain on the anti-monotony matrix.

The next meetings are scheduled for Jan. 21, Feb. 18, and Mar. 17. The meetings will be cancelled if there are no items on the agenda. Check our website for up to date information.

The ARC is a five-member board that meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in

McCordsville Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan

Existing bike and pedestrian trails currently lead in and out of McCordsville along Pendleton Pike, Olio Rd., and Fall Creek. The rapid growth of the Town led elected officials, Town staff and citizens to consider ways to make McCordsville more bike and pedestrian-friendly and possibly connect to the existing trails in the nearby communities. A Steering Committee comprised of McCordsville residents and Town staff members was convened and Context Design and CMT Engineering hired evaluate the Town's infrastructure and develop a feasible, long-term plan.

Throughout 2019, the Steering Committee and Design Team surveyed existing roadways, sidewalks, and green spaces throughout McCordsville and organized a variety of methods to gain public input on the concept of bike and pedestrian trails. From the input that was gathered, the proposed plan includes improvements to 12 main corridors and proposes six new greenways and the following goals were set:

- ◇ Increase the number of people walking and biking for everyday transportation purposes by ensuring the trails plan connects people to destinations;
- ◇ Increase the number of people walking and biking for recreation by creating a trail plan that provides highly accessible and desirable recreation opportunities;
- ◇ Provide priorities for future bike/pedestrian projects;
- ◇ Establish safe and functional routes for bicycles and pedestrians between community destinations; and
- ◇ Identify “branded” trails with the system that can have additional interest, design elements, and source of community pride.

The plan was submitted to the Plan Commission at the November 2019 meeting. The members gave a favorable recommendation to the Town Council, which heard the presentation at the December 2019 meeting and approved its addition to the McCordsville Comprehensive Plan.

Looking Ahead to Spring!

The Planning and Building Department staff are planning a busy Spring! We are coordinating with local groups to have a Town-wide Beautify McCordsville Day in April. May will bring Building Safety Month when you will have the opportunity to meet the Planning & Building Staff as we conduct public outreach efforts. More information on these exciting happenings will be in our next newsletter!

This newsletter is a Quarterly Publication of the Town of McCordsville Planning & Building Department.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at:

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The Town Hall will be closed on the following Holidays:

Jan. 20—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Apr. 10—Good Friday

May 25—Memorial Day

Jul. 3— Independence Day