

GRANITE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Public Monthly Meeting

Courthouse Courtroom

220 N. Sansome Street, Philipsburg

September 5, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Granite County Planning Board Members: A.J. Michnevich President, Tom Rue, Tom Sanders, John Spaeth and Bill West

Planning Board Staff: Linda Bouck, Granite County Planning Director

Guests: Elena Gagliano and Heidi Hinkle

I: Call to Order

President A.J. Michnevich called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Board and Staff introduced themselves.

II: Pledge of Allegiance

III. Changes to Subdivision Regulations – Agricultural Exemption

A.J. Michnevich asked for an update on this item from staff. Linda Bouck stated this is a change which was made by the Montana State Legislature this year on how to remove an agricultural exemption from a piece of property. Bouck said this exemption is not used much in Granite County, but that Granite County generally followed this process already. She pointed out under proposed section e.2.B the county could broaden what entities are considered under public purposes. John Spaeth stated he thought the Board should add fire protection services to the definition. The Board members agreed to add this change.

A.J. Michnevich opened the public hearing for comments. There were no comments from the public. It was noted no public comment has been received prior to the meeting on this issue.

John Spaeth made a motion to close the public hearing. Tom Rue seconded. The public hearing was closed.

John Spaeth made a motion to recommend approval of the changes to the agricultural exemption portion of the Granite County subdivision regulations with the one alteration for fire protection services. Tom Rue seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from August 1, 2019.

John Spaeth made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board's August 1, 2019, meeting. Tom Sanders seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

VII. Public Comment

Elena Gagliano asked new member Bill West for his background and why he applied for the Planning Board. Bill West stated he moved to Georgetown Lake several years ago and was interested in the activities happening in the county. Elena Gagliano asked if he currently worked for the County. Bill West stated he does work for Granite County right now as the Georgetown Lake Dam Tender.

VI. Miscellaneous

Tom Rue brought up a letter from Gordon Sorenson regarding the county family transfer policy, requirements for road widths, and the requirement for underground utilities on new subdivisions. The Board held a general discussion about these issues. Linda Bouck noted these three issues are set by three different regulations: family transfer policy, road regulations and subdivision regulations. She suggested the Board look at them individually. Tom Rue requested the family transfer policy be placed on the next agenda for further discussion. The Board agreed to place this on the next agenda.

VII. Adjourn

John Spaeth requested to adjourn the meeting. Tom Sanders seconded the motion. The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2019.

Minutes approved on October 3, 2019

A.J. Michnevich