

GRANITE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Public Monthly Meeting

Courthouse Courtroom

220 N. Sansome Street, Philipsburg

April 4, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Planning Board Staff: Linda Bouck, Granite County Planning Director

Guests: Elena Gagliano, Ben Larson and Dick Motta

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. Election of Officers

It was noted election of officers took place at the January meeting. This was placed in error on the agenda.

IV. Growth Policy – Discussion of Amendments to Town of Philipsburg Section and Setting Public Hearing Date

Planning Director Linda Bouck stated the Town of Philipsburg has requested to open their portion of the Growth Policy to make amendments. As such the Town has provided the updates they would like to see placed within the Town of Philipsburg section of the Growth Policy.

A.J. Michnevich stated he was encouraged to see the Town of Philipsburg taking action on their portion of the Growth Policy. He believes additional growth will be coming to Philipsburg and it is important to control this growth.

Bouck went through the process for updating the Growth Policy. The Board will review the proposal tonight and decide whether to open the Growth Policy in its entirety or just the Town of Philipsburg section. The Board will then have to have a public hearing, and make a recommendation. The Towns and County will then need to hold a public hearing and vote on the changes. Bouck noted the only other

section to possibly be looking to update would be a request from the Forest Management Advisory Committee (FMAC) to add language regarding the need for the Forest Service to coordinate with the County Commissioners on forest issues. No proposal has yet to be submitted by FMAC.

Bouck went through the proposed changes. The majority of the changes are updates to the wording within the document. The Town did strike a few items that they have either completed or no longer believe are valid. The Town is also requesting to add in a section regarding the desire of the Town of Philipsburg to zone. Under consideration for zoning would be setbacks, designation of residential/commercial/industrial districts, height limits, density, and outbuilding size restrictions. It was noted this will more than likely be the main topic of debate on this Growth Policy change. Although adding this to the Growth Policy will not enact zoning it is the first step in being able to consider implementing zoning.

President Michnevich called for public comment on this topic.

Ben Larson, a resident of Philipsburg, stated he had attended the public hearing for the Finn Addition and was interested in the process. Although he attended primarily to learn about the process, he believes the proposed changes are heading in the right direction for the future needs of Philipsburg. The Board thanked him for his participation and interest.

John Spaeth noted this will be a controversial change, as many people do not want zoning.

Elena Gagliano said she would like to see the entire Growth Policy updated. She stated the document needs a major overhaul. She reminded the Board about how the Growth Policy was originally formed and that it was voted on. She would like to see surveys go out to the residents on the Growth Policy. She would also like to see the county contract to update and redo the entire document.

Dick Motta stated when the zoning was adopted at Georgetown Lake only a straw vote was taken and he still does not believe it was the correct way of implementing zoning. He would like to see the people be able to vote on the Growth Policy updates again.

Tom Rue made a motion to open the Town of Philipsburg section of the Growth Policy for review and revision. A.J. Michnevich seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Town of Philipsburg Growth Policy Public Hearing for the Planning Board was scheduled for 6 p.m., May 2, 2019, in the Granite County Courthouse Courtroom.

V. Development of County Road List – Hall and Maxville Areas

The Board held a work session on developing a County Road List. The Board worked on classifying roads in Hall and Maxville area in the following townships and ranges:

T8N R12W; T8N R13W; T8N R14W; T8N R15W; T8N R16W; T9N R12W; T9N R13W; T9N R14W; T9N R15W; T9N R16W; T10N R12W; T10N R13W; T10N R14W; T10N R15W. Reclassifications of some of the roads were made.

The Board noted once the list is completed it needs to be sent to the Forest Service for their review.

Once a full draft of all road classifications is made the Board will present this to the Commission. The Board will complete the listing with the Drummond area at their next meeting.

VI. Minutes – January 3, 2019

The Board reviewed the minutes from January 3, 2019

Tom Rue made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board’s January 3, 2019, meeting. Tom Sanders seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

VII. Public Comment

Elena Gagliano thanked the Planning Board for their service.

VI. Miscellaneous

Planning Director Bouck gave the Board an update on Wiederspiel and the Finn Addition.

It was noted the next Planning Board meeting will be held on May 2, 2019.

VII. Adjourn

Gail Leeper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Rue seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes approved on June 6, 2019

A.J. Michnevich