

**STILLWATER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.  
Stillwater County West Annex  
431 Quarry Rd  
Columbus, MT

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gary Enstrom (President), Bob VanOosten (Vice-President), Jerry Edwards, Carolyn Hutson, Ray Karls, Karen Heyneman (phone), Dan Sayer, and Steve Arnold

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Curtis Jacobs

**STAFF:** Forrest Mandeville, Contracted Planner, Stephanie Ray, Community Director, and April Limburg

**OTHERS:** Fiona Nave

**I. CALL TO ORDER.** Gary Enstrom (President) called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**A. Public Comments.** Nothing at this time

**B. Disclosures of Conflicts of Interest and Ex Parte Communications.** Nothing at this time

**II. MINUTES:**

**A. Minutes:** Bob made a motion to approve the March 4, 2020 meeting minutes. Jerry seconded; motion carried.

**III. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Planning Updates:** April advised the Board; she has resigned from the Stillwater County and will be moving. She also let the Board know the Planning Office has had several pre-application meetings for subdivisions. The Board discussed the possibility of changing the meeting time.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS.**

**A. County Wide Zoning Discussion.** Forrest gave a brief summary on the discussion the Board had before the Covid-19 pandemic. He gave the Board a summary of the phone calls the Planning Office receives regarding setbacks, building codes, and etc. The Board discussed the need or lack of need to review future MRL transfer sites and other renewable energy sites coming into Stillwater County. Forrest went over photos gathered to display the lack of development permits, zoning, and planning for the future in general. The Board discussed addressing setbacks (minimal), differences in regulation between residential and commercial

areas, sensitive areas, and signage. Ray made a motion to have Planning staff work a basic set of development standards as well as definitions of commercial, industrial, and residential. Steve seconded; motion passed with a majority 6-2 (Bob voted no and Karen abstained).

**V. ADJOURN:** Ray made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Carolyn seconded; motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Location to be determined.

April Limburg  
Planning Tech