

**D-R-A-F-T**  
**COLUMBUS-STILLWATER COUNTY**  
**CITY-COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Stillwater County Annex Planning Department, 809 E. 4th Avenue N., Suite C**

**Members Present:** Susie Schreiner (Vice-President), Ric Hanson, Dennis Holten, Jeanne Kienitz, Webb Mandeville, and Ed Viig.

**Members Not Present:** Rod Fink (President) and Don Parks

**Staff Present:** Forrest Mandeville and Marissa Plumb

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-President Schreiner called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m..  
There were no public comments received at this time.

**II. MINUTES**

Ed motioned that the minutes of the December 27, 2011 meeting be approved as written.  
Webb seconded; with all in favor, motion carried.

**III. NEW BUSINESS.**

**A. Election of Officers.** Forrest read the email that Rod sent stating that he doesn't want to continue holding the President's seat. He recommended Susie be President. The Board asked if Susie would be willing to be President. Susie stated that she is one of the newer members to the Board but would be willing to fill that seat. Dennis nominated Susie as President. Ed seconded. Webb moved that nomination cease and for a unanimous ballot to be cast for Susie, Ric seconded; with all in favor, Susie was elected President for 2012. Ed nominated Joe for Vice-President. Dennis seconded. With no more nominations President Schreiner called for a vote; with all in favor, Joe was elected Vice-president for 2012.

**B. 2012 Resolution.** Forrest provided the Board with resolution 2012-01 which would keep the meeting dates, location, and time of this Board the same as last year. Joe made a motion to approve resolution 2012-01 as written. Webb seconded; with all in favor, motion carried. All present Board members signed the resolution.

**C. Zoning Code Update.** Dennis asked for this item to be tabled until next month's meeting.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Tree Committee.** Ric noted that this item was on the agenda four years ago when he was previously on this Board. He also mentioned that the elderly are having a hard time affording the Town's price for watering their yards, including trees, in the summer. In Ric's

opinion, trees are dying in yards of many Columbus residences because they can't afford the water costs of the Town. Ric wondered if the Town still has reduced rates in the summer. Dennis said the Town does not have reduced rates because the cost of getting the water doesn't change from season to season. Webb stated that even if there was an established tree committee it couldn't make people water their lawns. Forrest reiterated that if a tree committee was established by-laws would have to be written and members would need to be appointed. Dennis asked if there was anyone interested in helping do some research for a possible tree committee. Susie offered to make a few calls to towns that currently have a tree committee and report back to Dennis.

**B. Columbus Area Growth Policy.** Forrest informed the Board that there will be a community meeting to discuss updating the Columbus Area Growth Policy on Monday, January 30, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Board members are encouraged to attend. Some of the topics that will be discussed are population trends, infrastructure, economic development, and the future growth of the community. There was a press release in the Stillwater County News last week and again this week informing the community of the meeting. Forrest also noted that Beartooth Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) will also be attending this meeting. They are a regional economic development group that is also working on collecting community input.

## V. OTHER

**A. Conserving Paper.** Ed mentioned that he would like to try and conserve the paper that is used by this Board. He stated that since the agenda and minutes are emailed ahead of the meeting he would prefer that the Planning office not print out the minutes anymore. The Board agreed and the Planning office will only print a couple copies of the minutes to have available at each Board meeting.

**B. Aho.** Ed wondered if the Planning office had heard from Aho Construction, which is the development company responsible for the 30-acre proposed development, Mourning Dove Subdivision, south of the where the new hospital is being built. Forrest said the last time he had heard anything about the land was a few months ago when an appraiser called to ask about the status of the development.

## VI. ADJOURN

With no more business, Webb made the motion to adjourn. Joe seconded; with all in favor motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m..

The next regular meeting date is Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. to be held at the Stillwater County Annex Planning Department building.

Marissa Plumb  
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