



Planning & Zoning  
Commission  
30 North Main Street  
Paris, Idaho 83261

**PLANNING & ZONING MEETING**  
**September 17, 2025**  
**Paris Courthouse Commissioner's Room**  
**PARIS, ID.**

ATTENDANCE: CHAIRMAN ALBERT JOHNSON  
KRISTY CRANE -VICE CHAIRMAN  
SEAN BARTSCHI---Excused  
DEVIN BOEHME  
TODD TRANSTRUM  
PATRICK REESE  
ERIC BOMSTA  
ADAM MCKENZIE on zoom  
MITCH POULSEN, ADMINISTRATOR  
WAYNE DAVIDSON, SECRETARY

Chairman Johnson welcomes everyone at 7:02 pm.  
The pledge of allegiance is led by Patrick Reese

The board is informed by staff that the process used for the Kyle Allred Conditional Use is inadequate and the hearing will need to be cancelled. Staff informs all in attendance that it came to their attention that the zoning that has been used for the Montpelier impact area was used incorrectly and that no solution to move forward was found even leading up to the meeting. Therefore the public hearing needs to be cancelled. An alternative option was discussed that will accomplish the same end. This issue will be readdressed next month.

### The tape started here...

Roy Bunderson asks, can't the board expedite the process? He says these cancellations take time and cost the applicants money. Albert asks what else can we do? If we don't have the information, then the board cannot move forward. Adam explains that it's not an issue of process, but it's a matter of how much can be done with the time allotted. Sometimes it takes time to do it right. He disagrees with the premise that something is done wrong. They are doing the best they can. There is a certain process for doing this to make sure it's correct. They can always appeal. Roy argues that there still wasn't adequate time given. Mitch says it was still on the agenda until the last minute because they were trying to complete the work right up to the afternoon of the meeting.

**Serenity Hills Plat Vacation**, findings of fact are defined.

**Motion to accept the Serenity Hills Plat Vacation Findings of Fact** is made by Kristy Crane, seconded by Todd Transtrum all in favor.

Bill Stock asks if the finding of facts can be read into the minutes.

Adam says it's a public record, people can look it up, but the board doesn't have to read it in the meeting. Adam says it's not a document that needs to be recorded, but it will be given to the clerk's office so it's part of the public record. Now the commissioners will be the ones to do the approval, the place to find it will be their records. It will be a record of the county. If they wanted it could be recorded since the plat was recorded.

**Jesse & Kristel Bergholm Lot Split.** They want a lot split on the East side of Bennington. On Hunter Road. County R & B don't maintain the entire road. The parcel in question covers part of the Bennington City plat.

Kristy thinks if the current parcel is in the rural community, then if they split both parcels should be in the Rural Community.

Does a lot split require road improvement? For a lot split, it's not required to improve the road.

**Motion to accept the Jesse & Kristel Bergholm Lot Split** is made by Patrick Reese, seconded by Eric Bomsta, all in favor.

**Fire Suppression Development Standards**, Mitch explains that he has melted down the requests of the board from other meetings. Talks about driveways, turn arounds, installation of internal fire sprinklers, subdivisions with water cisterns.

It's proposing internal fire sprinklers for homes over 6000SF. Mark Parker says code requires 12000 SF. The board feels something less than that. Maybe 8000SF. This will apply to all construction in the county including subdivisions. Some talk about defensible space. Types of trees and other flammable foliage in the yard. How do we enforce it? This is shaping up to be a standalone ordinance. Mark Parker talks about how insurance companies are requiring more protection and county ordinances can help with that. As more fires destroy more homes across the county the insurance companies are raising rates.

What's the process from here? Individually the board needs to think about these changes to the ordinance and come up with their own feelings. Maybe do some research. Adam suggests the members decide what they want it to be, then have a public hearing to get input. As a group decide what to do then, after public hearing make adjustments and pass it along to commissioners. Let's not add things that aren't required, or we can't enforce.

**Motion to approve last month's minutes is made by** Eric Bomsta, seconded by Kristy all in favor.

**Motion to adjourn is made by** Devin Boehme, seconded by Patrick Reese all in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

 1/21/20

Albert Johnson, Chairman

Date