

**Keweenaw County Planning Commission
Draft Minutes
August 25, 2009**

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The Planning Commission Regular Meeting was held at the Keweenaw County Courthouse in Eagle River. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 by Chairman John Soper.

Roll Call

Present: Jon Soper, Chairman
Carol Rose Fouts, County Commissioner, Representative
Jim Huovinen, Member
Joan Nelson, Zoning and Equalization Administrator
John Parsons, Member
Tom O'Callaghan, Secretary

Absent: "Richard Schaefer, Vice Chair" MIA
Deneen Connell, Member

AGENDA

Motion by Chairman Soper to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Jim Huovinen. The motion was unanimously approved.

Minutes

Chairman Soper recommended that the minutes of the August workgroup session be tabled until the next meeting.

Motion by John Parsons to accept the Minutes of the July 28, 2009, regular meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Jim Huovinen. The motion was unanimously approved.

Guests: Diana Langdon, Attorney for Mr. Erlandson of Lac LaBelle; Donna Jaaskelainen, Keweenaw County Attorney; Janet Shea (Eagle River).

Attorney Langdon indicated that meeting the letter of the Zoning Ordinance would create a hardship on her clients and wanted to make sure that she understood all the issues involved. Joan Nelson, the Zoning Administrator, said that she would work with Ms Langdon to clarify the issues. Final resolution would have to come from the ~~Zoning Board of Appeals~~,
County Prosecutor.

Chairman Soper noted that Janet Shea was present to exercise her right to audio tape the meeting.

Unfinished Business: Proposed updates to the 2006 Keweenaw County Zoning Ordinance; continue working from the list from the Zoning Administrator

- ✓ page 19-8 typo correction
- # 1 ✓ page 07-4 add 'note a' "Accessory Structures shall be 75' from the ordinary high water mark of a lake, river or stream." Re-number remaining existing note numbers.
- # 3 ✓ page 05-3 note b. replace "special land use" to "variance".
- #5 ✓ Define "Organized Camp". Done. See page 2-7
- # 6 Define "foundation" (page 7-3). Joan to discuss technical definition with the Building Inspector.
- # 8 ✓ page 7-8 section 7-15. Drop 'than fourteen consecutive days in succession nor'. Change "60 consecutive days" to "90 days in one year".
Make all such references consistent thru out the paragraph.
Change "yurt" to "temporary yurt"
Clarification: a temporary building is not a principal structure.
- # 9 References to 'junk'. By state law, County has no enforcement authority concerning "junk". This must

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be a Township issue. Joan will research further.

7-15-1 A-1 add AG to hunting camps permitted by RC

Motion by John Soper to accept the above proposed changes and clarifications to the Ordinance. Motion seconded by Jim Huovinen. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Administrator Report deferred

New Business: none

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Commission Final Comments

Next Zoning Ordinance Work Group meeting will be on September 15, 2009.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Carol Rose Fouts. Motion seconded by Jim Huovinen.

Meeting adjourned at 8.196 pm.

Thomas O'Callaghan, Secretary

Attachments: Zoning Administrators Report

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Zoning Ordinance Proposed Amendments

- The County does not have an ordinance formally establishing the Keweenaw County Planning Commission.
- The Ordinance should not require a principal structure on property zoned Agricultural.
- No voting representation on the Planning Commission from outside the Zoning District can be permitted unless and until the current Ordinance is modified.
- No non-voting representation on the Planning Commission from outside the Zoning District can be permitted unless and until the current Ordinance is modified.
- Review WEC requirements including FAA approval and clarification of applicability of requirements
- page 16-6 # 4 No Hunting why is sign limitation for all signs buried in # 4 - No Hunting signs. This is a significant limitation and should not be buried in #4.
- 300 foot limitation is not reasonable when most business lots are 60' by 20' or smaller.