

Keweenaw County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Minutes September 4, 2018

Keweenaw County Courthouse 5:00 PM

Roll Call: John Parsons, Chairman, Richard Schaefer, Vice-Chair
 Steve Siira, Member Ned Huwatschek, Member
 Barry Koljonen, Member Dan Steck, Member
 Jim Vivian, Commissioner Jim LaMotte Ab- was not notified
 Ann Gasperich Zoning Administrator

5 Member quorum is present, meeting was appropriately posted.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

M/S Barry/Ned to approve the agenda with the addition under new business of the GMO Land Swap passed.

M/S Dan Steve to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 26, 2018 passed

Guests: Mary Long, Kathy McEvers and Jon Soper.

Public Comment none

Communications were read from Paul LaVanway asking the Commission to review the allowable height for structures.

Unfinished Business

Private Road Section 7.29, was discussed. John asked why we call local TRAILS roads, such as the Iron Gate Road and the Mandan Road, when clearly, they are not roads, they are trails that are private. First, we should distinguish between what is a road and a trail, for our purposes. John and Ann will meet again to draft some suggestions for the next meeting.

M/S John/Ned to include Sauna Accessory structures within setbacks on inland waterways as #5, motion called, Vivian abstained, motion passed.

RV's – previous documentation reviewed for 5 or 10 Acres. On a parcel 10A or greater, the annual permit for RV's ... Ann will have more information for this topic at the next meeting.

Signs Permitted Signs in CE, R-1, R-2, RR, and PD Districts – compare EHT Ordinance. Ann will provide information prior to the meeting to allow comparisons for the two sign ordinances.

New Business

PA261 of 1965 County and Regional Plans – Jim Vivian asked for input as to the status of the Parks and Recreation board that was established years ago.

He then spoke to the potential for a land swap between the "land company" and the State of Michigan. It will be on the agenda for the County Board of Commissioners meeting on Wednesday Sept 19th.

The Zoning Administrator's Report – Ann asked about the buildable envelope and if it was allowable to not increase the waterfront footprint but still allowing an addition on the back side away from the water. She was told no, the construction is either within the existing footprint or the buildable envelope, not the space in-between.

Report from the ZBA – Steve gave an update as to the meeting.

Final Public Comments – Jon Soper talked to Jim Vivians question about the Parks and Rec committee, as well as to the health and safety aspect of the zoning ordinance regarding adequate access to camps vs single family dwellings. Kathy McEvers shared her concern of short term rentals on taxes being missed with AIRB&B and VRBO's. She took a copy of the current planning and zoning news.

Commission Final Comments - None

Next Meeting September 25, 2018 5:00 PM

Adjourn