

Keweenaw County
Zoning Board of Appeals
July 12, 2018
Minutes

Chair called the meeting to order 4:00 p.m.

The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: All members present

M/S Mel/Steve to accept the agenda, passed.

M/S Mark/Peter to approve the minutes – April 12, 2018, regular meeting, passed.

Guests Chris Kelly Eagle Harbor Twp ZBA and Bill Eddy, EHT Zoning Administrator.

Public Comment - None

Ann gave her report. She is working on the status of the RV's in Keweenaw County with the prosecutor.

Old Business: -- None

New Business – Steve spoke to the proposed changes in the zoning ordinance that is currently being reviewed, sauna setbacks from the water and private roads. After much discussion of reasons for setbacks, grey water, fixed vs portable, elevation, the ZBA asked that the proposed changes be brought to the October meeting.

Ann also spoke about applications from a contractor vs homeowner. Property owners may not understand the ordinance, and contractors believe everything is possible. A pre-application conference with the homeowner is recommended so they better understand the ordinance and the ramifications of building outside of the ordinance guidelines. Sanctions against contractors for past violations will carry forward.

The training session included side A or the zoning ordinance appeal flow chart. Everyone understands a variance for a USE is not permissible. A practical difficulty must always be found when granting a variance. We need to be cognizant of the potential to undermine the ordinance with the granting of a variance, when in fact, the applicant should seek to amend the ordinance through the Planning Commission. The members were provided a copy of the most current ZBA Variance Checklist. *To included as prepared by Eagle Harbor Township and considered by the County ZBA.*

The County ZBA thanked the EHT ZBA Member and Zoning Administrator for attending the meeting.

Public Comment – None

Around the table – reminded Ann to submit vouchers for members present.

Next Meeting October 11, 2018 4:00

M/S Mel/Mark to adjourn at 5:07

** Public Comments are limited to 3 minutes at a time, not to exceed 20 minutes.