

Keweenaw County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
April 24, 2023

Keweenaw County Courthouse 4:00 PM

Roll Call:	John Parsons Present	Steve Siira Present
	Barry Koljonen Present	Dan Steck Zoom
	Daniel Yoder Present	AJ Kern Present
	Jim Vivian, Commissioner Absent	
	Sara Heikkila, Zoning Administrator Present	

5 Member quorum is present, meeting was appropriately posted.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve Agenda with next meeting date updated to May 22
Motion (M) to approve John Parsons / Second (S) Steve Siira

Approve minutes of the regular meeting on March 27, 2023.
M to approve Barry Koljonen / S Steve Siira

Guests: Bob Pokorski, Kathy McEvers, Harvey Desnick, Mark Ahlborn

Public Comment Communications:
When will the public get to review proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments?

New Business

Planning Commissioner candidates.
Interviewed Bob Pokorski this afternoon,
M John / S Barry recommending appointing Bob Pokorski to the commission.
Unanimous vote to carry motion.

Unfinished Business

Zoning Ordinance Amendment review by Planning Commissioners.
→ Sara to run through the Excel file and address Commissioner comments.
 → Yurt Amendments
Temp and seasonal in res minimum of 5 acres. Take yurts out of temp permitting all together.
7.14.1 – move to 5 acres
Change table 4-1 seasonal to all districts
 → RV Amendments
No RV shall be utilized as a rental unit on less than 5 acres in res districts. Look into legality.
Should there be a time limit?

➔ Discussion on multiple family dwelling allowing in RR.

➔ Finalize first draft of the amendments.

Table RV's until May meeting and/or do not include in first round of amendments.

Process the amendments reviewed in March and April meeting – finalize.

M John / S Barry

➔ Establish a schedule for the Public Hearing.

Table until May.

Master Plan Update

Planning Commissioners to comments/suggestions for Master Plan updates.

Land sale – covid – home occupations – census data.

➔ Zoning Administrator Report

Final Comments

Bob Pokorski – likes the 5 acres for yurts include depth to width ratio. Think about event tents. What would be the goal of the 3rd party review of the proposed amendments?

Kathy McEvers – are property values being considered?

Harvey Desnick – recommends not getting too restrictive. Adds perspective regarding allowing folks to do what they want with their property. Recommends leaving public comments until the end.

Mark Ahlborn – Ensure 3rd party review on specific topics by experts.

Next Regular Meeting May 22, 4:00 PM

M to Adjourn Dan Yoder / S Barry Koljonen