Keweenaw County Planning Commission Minutes – July 31st 2012

Grant Township Office meeting called to order at 6:02 PM

Jon Soper, Chairman	
Jim Huovinen, member	Ned Huwatschek, member
Tom Hall, member	Steven Siira, member
	Don Piche, Commissioner
	Jim Huovinen, member

Ann Gasperich ZA

– excused John Parsons & Richard Schaefer

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

A motion to approve the agenda by Tom seconded by Jim -- passed

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 26, 2012 by Jim seconded by Steve, passed.

Audience members: Ken Steiger, Sue Church and Don Keith:

The Zoning Administrator's Report was presented and will be placed on file.

New Business

Waterfront Construction of Fences, Decks and Stairs was discussed. Outdoor walkways and stairs are addressed on 4-20. Fences along "Property lines" differ with bodies of water. Questions regarding waterfront fences will be addressed individually by each application and DEQ/Corps approval/contact will be required.

Unfinished Business

- The Board of Commissioners reinstated the Planning Committee budget to cover the WUPPDR Contract. The update will begin when the contract is signed – the contract should be at the courthouse for signature the week of the 6th of August.
- The rezoning of US 41 in Mohawk was discussed to include the South County line north through Mohawk to the storage facility. A public meeting will be held to gather comments regarding the proposed change prior to holding a public hearing and sending out the required letters. The meeting will be advertised through handbills posted at businesses along the highway as well as a notice in the paper.
- A Cell Tower Update was provided SBA Towers has received a reverse decision on the Delaware location from SHPO and NEPA. The decision states that there will be no adverse effect with the tower at that location. The SHPO NEPA reports for two locations, Delaware and Lake Medora, will be sent to us as soon as they are complete.

 SBA Towers has requested letters of interest from property owners in Grant Township who believe their property may be conducive for a tower location. The letters should be directed through the Equalization Office at 5095 5th St, Eagle River Michigan 49950. They will then be forwarded on to the County Board of Commissioners and Nathan Haupt.

Correspondence: Chairman Jon read a letter to Rev. Elmer R Liimatta supporting the National Veterans Memorial Cemetery on Mt. Horace Greeley.

Public Comments – were heard from Ken Stigers, Sue Church and Don Keith.

Ann will follow up with the County Road Commission regarding concerns raised.

Commission Final Comments

Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday August 28th, 2012 6:00 pm Allouez Township