

Keweenaw County Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes – October 29, 2013

The Chairman called the meeting to order at the Keweenaw County Courthouse at 6:01 PM

Roll Call:    Jon Soper, Chairman                      John Parsons, Vice Chair  
                  Ned Huwatschek, member                Richard Schaefer, member  
                  Steven Siira, member                            Jim Huovinen, member  
                  Tom Hall, member  
                  Ray Chase, Commissioner                Ann Gasperich ZA

All Members were present

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

The Chairman Opened the Public Hearing for Keweenaw County Historical Society Museums.

The following Commission members voiced full disclosure at having an affiliation with the Keweenaw County Historical Society – Richard, Ned, Tom, Jim & Jon. John asked if any of them had any financial gain by approving or not approving the request? If not, please stay seated.

Public Comment -- Property Owners within 300' \*\*

In Support – None present

In Opposition – None present

Written Comments Property Owners within 300' read from the Chair

In Support – Two letters were received, Julia Takila & Nancy Sanderson

In Opposition – None Received

Public Comment from Interested or affected persons/organizations\*\*

In Support – Mel Jones spoke in favor

In Opposition – None Present

Written Comments from Interested or affected persons/organizations

In Support – None Received

In Opposition – None Received

Questions through the Chairman – there was discussion as to the current operating of the museums. Chairman Soper reminded all both museums are located in existing structures along major routes.

Then the Discussion of Special use permit requirements were reviewed

Public buildings and facilities owned by governmental entities including the County of Keweenaw are permitted as a Special Land Use in all Districts when in conformance with the following requirements:

1. No building, structure (except for flagpoles), or use shall be located within thirty (30) feet of a residential zoned parcel or use. **N/A**
2. If located in a Residential District, all buildings and structures shall be designed to be compatible with the character of the surrounding neighborhood. **Yes**
3. Off-street parking shall be screened from adjacent residential uses or Districts per the requirements of Article XIV. **OK**
4. The outdoor storage of trash or rubbish shall be screened per the requirements of Section 15.5.3. It is the townships Responsibility in Eagle River and the Historical Society does not locate trash outside of the museum.
5. The property shall be suitably landscaped per the requirements of Article XV. They both are
6. Signs shall conform with the requirements of Article XVI. They both do.

The Chairman Closed the Public Hearing for KCHS Museums at 6:10

\*\*Public Comments -- Please limit comments to 3 minutes, not to exceed 30 minutes in total.

A motion to Approve Agenda Schaefer/Huwatschek/Passed with the addition of Wind Power.

A motion to Approve minutes of September 24, 2013 Hall/Huovinen/Passed

Guests

Bill Eddy & Mel Jones

There were no Public Comments

Brought Down from Public Hearing

A Motion to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners these special use permits be approved since there was no opposition at the public hearing and it is for the historical good of the County for the museums to be available to the public. Soper/Siira, roll call vote Passed with one abstention from Ray Chase.

Unfinished Business

Jon provided a handout from the August meeting regarding changes to Temporary Uses and Structures Section 7.15

- a. Temp Housing definitions was approved to read A use, building or structure permitted by section 7.15 of this Ordinance, to exist during a specified period of time. After the specified time has expired, the temporary use must be terminated and the temporary structure removed from the parcel or the temporary use must be changed to an allowable use. M/S/P Richard/Ned with Ray abstaining recommend to the Board of Commissioners the change in the definition.

**A. 7.15.1 General:** Temporary buildings, structures, and uses are permitted in all districts only under the following conditions:

*A. Temporary Dwellings:* ~~Habitation of Accessory Structures, Tents, Yurts and Travel Trailers as Temporary Dwellings:~~ Except for tents and recreational vehicles in bona fide campgrounds, no structure shall be used for dwelling purposes ~~for more than ninety (90) days in one (1) year,~~ that does not meet the minimum standards for a dwelling unit as defined in this Ordinance and the State Construction Code Act, Public Act 230 of 1972, with amendments. This means that no garage or other accessory building, cellar, basement, camp or partial structure, whether of a fixed or portable construction, nor any tent, yurts, travel trailer, recreational vehicle, trailer coach, mobile home, or other structure not in compliance with P.A. 230 of 1972, or the previous sentence, shall be erected or moved onto a lot ~~and used for any temporary dwelling purpose~~ for more than ninety (90) days in one year, unless authorized by the Zoning Administrator by the issuance of a Temporary Zoning Permit as provided for in Section 18.9, or by means of a Special Land Use Permit pursuant to Article X, or unless constructed as a year around dwelling per the applicable requirements of this Ordinance.

1. A temporary yurt is only allowed on a minimum lot of 10 acres in the TR district.

2. No more than one (1) travel trailer is allowed on a parcel up to ten (10) acres or two (2) travel trailers on a ten acre parcel in AG, TR, RR or RS.

M/S/P John/Tom with Ray abstaining recommend to the Board of Commissioners the changes in section 7.15

M/S/P Steve/Richard Ray abstaining recommend to the Board of Commissioners on Table 7-1 to eliminate the column for maximum size and only reflect the minimum setbacks and maximum height.

## New Business

Windpower – Jim Huovinen spoke to wind power– the discussion was tabled.

## Zoning Administrator's Report

Public Comment – Bill Eddy told the Commission of the Public Hearing on November 7<sup>th</sup> in Eagle Harbor Twp regarding the changes to their ordinance. The County will receive a copy of the changes after the public hearing and has until December 6<sup>th</sup> to make comment.

## Commission Final Comments

Jim inquired as to the status of Fiber Optic. He requested that Marcia Bertoldi be contacted with an update.

Schedule Next Regular Meeting – December 3, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

## Adjournment