

Keweenaw County Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes –March 25, 2014

Keweenaw County Courthouse 6:00 PM

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

All Members were present

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all

M/S/P by Ray/Steve with the addition of one item under unfinished business, AT&T Fiber Optic Letter to approve the agenda

M/S/P John/Ray Approve minutes of the regular meeting February 25<sup>th</sup> 2014

Guest Bill Eddy

Public Comment -- none

New Business -- None

Unfinished Business

Review RV Permit & Special Use Permit

Ann will remove the underlines and strikeouts before she sends the amendments to the Gazette for publication. The amendments will be published on Monday March 31, 2014.

M/S/P Jim/Steve to accept the new RV forms as presented.

AT&T Fiber Optic Letter

Jim presented a package of information for the Commission to review regarding his research on the current location of AT&T fiber and its' proximity to the AT&T fiber. After lengthy discussion, the determination a letter should drafted by a governmental unit was made. An Ad-hoc committee initially of Jon Soper, Jim Huovinen and Charlie Hopper would start the draft. Ray will be notified of meetings and will present to other committees and the Board of Commissioners.

The Zoning Administrator's Report was reviewed.

After discussion on the Future amendments to the zoning ordinance it was M/S/P by Ray/Ned to hold a public hearing on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM regarding the following list of amendments to be brought to the County Board of Commissioners for their June Meeting.

- **Meeting minutes from November 27, 2012 the following three items.**
  - Minimum lot size for AG parcels – A motion by John seconded by Ned to amend table 5-3 for minimum lot size of AG parcels to be lowered to 5 acres, passed.
  - Setback Requirement for existing non-conforming AG parcels. – a motion by Jon, seconded by John to add a footnote for a non-conforming ag lot to see the setback requirements on table 5-1 for RRA with onsite sewage disposal, passed
- **Meeting Minutes of January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Motion by Tom Hall Seconded by Jim Huovinen Passed, Ray Chase Abstained.**
  - **Backyard poultry: zoning recommendations –**
    1. Limit the raising of chickens to single or two family residences only and the number of chickens to 6 per site.
    2. No roosters may be kept due to the noise.
    3. Poultry should not be allowed in a residence, porch or attached garage. Chickens must be confined in a house or coop in the backyard of a residence. An outside, enclosed run may be allowed.
    4. The owner should dispose of waste materials in an environmentally responsible manner. The materials can be composted or bagged and disposed of in the trash.
    5. The poultry coop shall be within the normal setback and at least 20' from a neighboring residence.
    6. The impact and spread of disease can be reduced if households with poultry can be readily identified. Zoning permits are required, a site visit is not necessary.
- **Meeting minutes of April 30, 2013 Motion by John Parsons, seconded by Steve Siira passed unanimously, Ray Chase Abstained to modify**
  - Section 9.4 Non Conforming structures to remove the statement within the parentheses, (increased in square footage to include additional stories).

Administrative Corrections to the ordinance will be listed as well.

Time was allowed for public comment

The Commission final comments were received

Schedule a Public Hearing for May 27, 2014 6:00 p.m. and the Next Regular Meeting will follow the public hearing.

John and Richard motioned for the adjournment at 7:20.