Keweenaw County Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes February 23, 2016

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

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

5 Member quorum was present, and the meeting was appropriately posted.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

M/S Tom/Ned to approve the agenda with additions of Court Hearing under new business, passed

M/S Ray/Steve to approve minutes of the regular meeting on January 26, 2016 meeting, passed

Guests: Tom Rozich Jim Vivian Mary Long Kathy McEvers Jan Cole

Public Comment – Tom Rozich spoke to the commission regarding his concerns for over regulation of the waterways with the new push to form a National Marine Sanctuary.

Election of Officers

Nominations were open for Chairman, Vice-Chair and Secretary, **M/S Ray/Ned** nominated the existing officer to remain. The nominations were called, there being no further nomination the nominations were closed and a unanimous ballot was cast for the officer to remain the same. Passed Unanimously.

Ann thanked the Officers as well as the Commissioners for their time & dedication.

New Business

Circuit Court hearing, Richard commented that the Planning Commission had been working on the requirements prior to the court case. "Whatever the decision, we need to go back and finish dotting the I's and crossing the T's." Everyone was in full agreement

Garages not adjacent to homes was discussed at some length. All commissioners understand the need to change the ordinance. The ordinance

allows for stand alone garages on parcels of 5 acres or more. We need to determine the correct way to also include R1.

ECHO Housing – Will be placed on the Administrators report.

Expiration of Permits 18.7.12 is correct. We have one permit that was issued during the time period where the State determined a permit did not expire.

M/S John/Tom Backyard Poultry 7.32 B b, remove the words, "due to noise." Passed with one abstain, Chase.

Unfinished Business

Ann gave an update on the Blueprint for Tomorrow & Map Changes. March 1st 6:00 PM Ahmeek Village Hall March 22nd 10:00 AM Grant TownshipHall

The Zoning Administrator's Report

She received a copy of the Eagle Harbor Recreation Plan.

Tom Hall gave the report from the ZBA -

- a. Set backs requirements from the waterfront to reflect block by block average with a 20' minimum in RS1;
- b. Maintain view scapes in the next revision; and
- c. CEP for all property going into a non-profit tax exempt status

Final Public Comments -

Jim Vivian also spoke regarding he concerns with the National Marine Sanctuary.

There were no Commissioners final comments

Next regular meeting March 29, 2016 6:30 PM

M/S John/Tom to adjourn at 7:53