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Keweenaw County Planning Commission
Formal Hearing 6:00 PM
January 31, 2017

Formal hearing for the Keweenaw County Ordinance,
Land Use Plan and Land Use Map

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Chairman called the Formal Hearing to order at 6:05.

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

5 Member quorum is present and the meeting was appropriately posted.   Chairman Soper welcomed Jim Vivian as the Board of Commissioners liaison.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing and gave opening remarks. He explained how the Land Use Plan is a legal document, however not a law. The Zoning Ordinance is the basis for zoning in Keweenaw County and as an ordinance, can be enforced. The Land Use Plan is to reflect the way Keweenaw County desires to grow and change in the next 20 years. Any change to the Zoning map, must appear as a recommendation within the Land Use Plan and Map.

Jon explained the process of meetings and public hearings for the Land Use Plan and Land Use Map. He thanked Ann for all of her time and hard work to bring this project to completion.

Jon then went on to discuss the ordinance amendments and explain the process. The changes were reviewed and discussed. He then asked Ann to go over the process and changes, she did. Inclusions attached.

Jon then opened the floor for Testimony from the Public:
        James Rovano thanked the Commission for all of their hard work. He said the ordinance, land use plan and map are like our constitution – new things come up over time and must be addressed. Thank you.
        Barb Foley spoke to internet rentals are here to stay, the proposed changes address this and the changes are fair.
        John Parsons voiced his concern over the wording, "only registered guests."
        Mark McEvers stated that he was in support of the changes; this is a protection of the neighborhood people.

M/S Vivian/Siira to close the formal hearing at 7:10, passed

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**Public Comments -- Please limit comments to 3 minutes.
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