

Keweenaw County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Minutes March 28, 2017

Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

M/S Tom/Ned to approve the agenda with the removal of one of the election of officers, passed.

M/S Steve/Tom to Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 28, 2017, passed.

Guests: None

Public Comment None

M/S Richard/Tom to motion was made for Jon to remain Chair and John to remain as vice chair. There was discussion about advertising for members to bring the number up to nine. December 31st, 2017, two members terms are up and they are ready to retire from service after numerous years. Vote called to accept officers, passed unanimously.

M/S Ned/Steve to advertise for new members via newspaper, website, email and or letter to persons whom have already shown an interest, passed.

Unfinished Business

The Oath of Office was reviewed and changed to a code of conduct. **M/S Tom/Jon** to present to the County Board of Commissioners for their approval, passed with one opposed and one abstain.

New Business

The Commission reviewed the numerous locations in the ordinance on ECHO Housing. It was recommended that Ann take out the inconsistencies with the caregiver being able to live in either the ECHO house or the main house, present other modifications to the board at the April meeting including the change from a Special Use Permit to Right with Conditions.

The Zoning Administrator's Report

Ann gave her report and sang the praises of the new building software. She reviewed the permits issued and discussed those that were either denied or on hold for further review. She also mentioned a possible set back violation in Lac La Belle. She will be meeting with the Building Official and the Prosecutor to determine the course of action.

Report from the ZBA –

Steve gave an update as to the last training session for the ZBA on March 14, 2017. Chuck Miller the County Prosecutor was present and there was considerable discussion regarding the findings of fact and substantial justice. With the two training sessions, February and March, the April meeting was cancelled. The next meeting of the ZBA is set for July 11th at 4:00 PM. If action is required from an application, a special meeting will be called.

Final Public Comments - None

Commission Final Comments –

Richard asked as to the status of camper trailers and if there was followup after all of the time and energy put into the corrections in 2014. After discussion the commission directed Ann to send letters to the RV owners that may not be in compliance, with copies of the letters to the Planning Commission and the Board of Commissioners.

Jim reminded everyone of the tourism meeting at the Siskiwit Reception hall in Calumet Thursday March 30th.

Next regular meeting April 24, 2017 6:00 PM

M/S Tom/Steve to adjourn at 7:50.