## Keweenaw County Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes February 28, 2017

Keweenaw County Courthouse 6:00 PM

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 was present, meeting was appropriately posted.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**M/S Hall/ Huwatschek** to approve the agenda, passed.

**M/S/ Parsons/Siira** to approve minutes of the Public Hearing with two corrections, change Lane to Land and add the following a comma and italics to , "only registered guests." and for the Regular Meeting on January 31, 2017 correct the spelling of logging, passed.

Guests: Bill Eddy, Kathy McEvers and Mary Long.

Public Comment – Bill Eddy congratulated the Planning Commission on a job well done and thanked them for the time and energy to pass the Land Use Plan, Land Use Map and Ordinance changes.

Election of Officers – The election of officers was tabled to the March meeting when the terms of the members are available.

**Unfinished Business** 

none

**New Business** 

The proposed Oath of Office was discussed with suggestions to incorporate items six and eight. Everyone will review the document again and it will be on old business for the March meeting.

The list of next items to consider from the ZA Report was discussed. The recommendation for new business items is Section 9 Nonconforming and 10.12.11 Echo Housing.

The Zoning Administrator's Report was discussed and questions asked about the animals in Gay. Ann explained the situation where the animals have been moving. A letter is sent to one property owner then a follow up inspection is done to discover the animal(s) in question have moved to another residence and another letter must be sent. Ann also spoke to the rooster in Gay. It was recommended that someone remove the rooster since no one is claiming ownership.

Report from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) –
A training session is set for March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Courthouse.

## Final Public Comments -

Kathy asked that the new ordinances when printed will be distributed to each township office.

## Commission Final Comments

Richard requested enough copies be made of the new ordinance to provide each township with a copy along with each member of the Planning Commission, and the ZBA.

Jim Vivian asked about the membership of the ZBA. Ann said Leslie DuTemple was able to attend the session via conference call.

Discussion went to terms of office. Jon Soper, Tom Hall and John Parsons are all ready to open up their chairs to others to serve on the Planning Commission. It is important that we look to the Community for others to step up and serve.

The next regular meeting is set for March 28, 2017 6:00 PM

M/S Hall/Parsons to adjourn at 6:35