

Keweenaw County Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes January 30, 2018

Ann called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Roll Call:     John Parsons,                             Richard Schaefer, Member  
                  Steve Siira, Member                         Ned Huwatschek, Member  
                  Barry Koljonen, Member                     Dan Steck, Member  
                  Jim Vivian, Commissioner  
                  Ann Gasperich Zoning Administrator

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Ann called for nominations for Chairman, Richard nominated John Parsons, Ned seconded the nomination. Nominations were called two more times. Nominations were then called for Vice- Chair, John nominated Richard seconded by Barry. Nominations were called two more times. There being no further nomination the ballot of Chair John Parsons and Vice Chair Richard Schaefer was called for a vote. Both were fully elected by a unanimous ballot.

John called for a motion to approve the agenda. **M/S Richard/Steve**, passed.

A review of the terms was discussed. Richard recommended an alternate for his position be brought forward as he will be leaving when his term expires this year.

**M/S John/Dan** to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Guests: Bill Eddy

Public Comment none

Ann recounted her phone call with Jason at Brickside Brewery letting him know the next step for the brewery is to move to either a manufacturing or business district. She also reminded the Commission to take a look at the Houghton County Master Plan.

Old Business

Ann sent out RV Letters to 48 people, ten called back to provide an update. Another letter will be sent out including the RV permit. It was suggested to conduct follow-up the first of June, August and October.

New Business

The Capital Improvement Plan was reviewed. Suggestions were made to incorporate into the attachment B the following:

- Eagle River Park
- Mt. Horace Greeley Reuse

Countywide internet access

Gay Sands and Buffalo Reef environmental reclamation

Ways to address the housing shortage in Copper Harbor

**M/S Richard/Ned** to approve the CIP for presentation to the Board of Commissioners at their February Meeting, Vivian abstained, motion passed.

Zoning Administrator's Report --Ann gave a short report on the number of permits for 2017. She will prepare a comparison of all permits for the last few years. T-Mobile is a wireless company that is looking to provide service in the County.

Steve reported on the January 11<sup>th</sup> ZBA meeting. Frank Kastelic is the Chairman, Mark Ahlborn is the Vice. The meetings are Quarterly, on the second Thursday at four PM.

Final Public Comments - none

Commission Final Comments – John asked to put shared economy on the list of future work items. Jim commented on the housing shortage in Copper Harbor as a potential Rural Development grant when KML is sold.

The meeting schedule was set for 2018, **time change to 5:00 PM**, continue the last Tuesday of the month with July and November off and an early meeting in December.

Next regular meeting February 27, 2018 5:00 PM

**M/S Dan/Steve** to adjourn at 6:53