

Keweenaw County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Minutes May 29, 2018

Vice Chair Schaefer called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM

Members present: Richard Schaefer, Steve Siira, Ned Huwatschek, Barry Koljonen, Dan Steck, Jim Vivian.

Members absent: John Parsons, excused

5 Member quorum is present, meeting was appropriately posted.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

M/S Ned/Dan to approve the agenda with the addition of commission membership to new business, passed.

M/S Barry/Steve to approve minutes of the April 2018 meeting, passed.

Guests: Gregg Patrick, Bill Luokkonen, and Chuck Miller for private roads/access
Greg Kingstrom for Accessory structure setbacks and Jim LaMotte.

Public Comment none

Communications none

Unfinished Business

The discussion was open regarding section 7.29 Private Road to the audience. The Sheriff voiced his concern as public safety and the time it takes to traverse some of the private roads to get to the people who need help. He gave examples of situations, explained the agencies that respond and the specialized equipment available. It is his desire the roads be maintained to a logging road standard so an emergency vehicle can maintain a 'reasonable' speed.

The County Engineer was asked what types of standards there are for a 'logging' road. Firm bottom, drainage, and crowning are the basic requirements. He spoke to a copy of recommendations by a community group that was worked on in 2003 for property owned by the state of Michigan. Jim Vivian may have a copy of that document.

The Prosecutor shared areas of concerns about the section. An example is the wording of "dwelling units" vs what possibly should be "lots". He also believes the grandfathered portion should be clarified to reflect the correct wording and meet the goal of the commission.

New Business

Accessory structure setbacks - Greg Kingstrom was invited to talk about the current setback standards for accessory structure from the OHWM. He presented information from Portage Township zoning, the Portage Lake Golf Course to Chassell

Township, and Eagle Harbor Zoning for Gratiot and Medora. The setback requirements are 25' and 10' respectively.

Discussion continued with location, dimension, number of buildings allowed, should the setback be for accessory structures for all waterfront or just inland waterways. What is the front yard definition on water? The item will be on the agenda for the June meeting.

Richard asked Jim LaMotte if, after all this discussion he is still interested in a seat on the Planning Commission and Jim replied in the affirmative. **Motion by Ned seconded by Barry** to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to appoint Jim LaMotte to the Planning Commission. Motion passed unanimously, with Jim Vivian abstaining.

The documents presented by Sherman Township for the Fire Hall addition were reviewed and discussed.

The Zoning Administrator's presented her report.

The next meeting of the ZBA will be July 12, 2018

Final Public Comments -

Commission Final Comments

Next Meeting June 26, 2018 5:00 PM

Adjourn