

Keweenaw County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
May 28, 2019

Keweenaw County Courthouse 4:00 PM

Roll Call:	John Parsons, Chair	Barry Koljonen, Vice Chair
	Ned Huwatschek, Member	Steve Siira, Member
	Dan Steck, Member	Jim LaMotte, Absent
	Jim Vivian, Commissioner	Ann Gasperich, Administrator

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Public Hearing for the Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes

Opening Remarks from the Chair regarding the proposed changes. He asked Ann to provide the reasons for the changes. She spoke to each of the changes individually providing the initiative, research and decision of the planning commission.

John then asked for Testimony from the Public, In Person or In Writing. Questions were asked regarding the impact of Commercial Operations, such as a B&B, on a new private road. The question was also raised as to what defines a club house, similar to a Knights of Columbus or Masonic Lodge. Comments from the Planning Commission there were none. John then closed the Formal Hearing at 4:16.

M/S Barry/Dan to approve the agenda, passed.

M/S Dan/Steve to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 30, 2019, passed.

Guests: Lynn Robertson, Jamie Robertson, Betsy Cooper, Charlie Ogea, Mary Long and Kathy McEvers.

Public Comment -- none

Communications – none

New Business

The Commission reviewed each of the Findings of Facts as it related to the individual proposed amendment changes.

M/S Dan/Barry, to make a recommendation to the County Board of Commissioners to adopt the proposed Zoning Ordinance changes as presented with an effective date of July 1, 2019, passed, with Jim Vivian Abstaining.

Green Energy was discussion including windmills and solar panels. Passive vs active solar panels were also discussed for a heat vs electricity. It was recommended to ask the electrical inspector about the difference and if installation can be done by a homeowner vs licensed contractor. The setbacks and allowable locations are to be evaluated.

Ann will contact other local communities regarding the green energy section of their zoning ordinance.

The buildable envelope was discussed. It refers to the portion of land where the setbacks are laid out on the property and the remaining is the "legal buildable envelope."

We should look to Article V, to begin our review, maybe include a review of non-conforming also this fall.

Unfinished Business -- none

The Zoning Administrator's Report was given

Report from the ZBA – next meeting in July

Final Public Comments – Kathy thanked the Commission for all of the hard work they put into making the ordinance more local. Jamie also thanked the Commission.

Commission Final Comments – Jim Vivian spoke to the Recreational Authority

Next Meeting June 25, 4:00 PM

Ned motioned to adjourn at 4:50