Keweenaw County Planning Commission Regular Meeting September 26, 2022

Keweenaw County Courthouse 4:00 PM

Roll Call: John Parsons Present Steve Siira Present
Barry Koljonen Present Dan Steck Present
Jim LaMotte Absent Daniel Yoder Present

Jim Vivian, Commissioner Absent

Sara Heikkila, Zoning Administrator Present

4 Member quorum is present, meeting was appropriately posted.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Approve Agenda
Motion (M) to approve _Steve Siira__ / Second (S) ___Barry Koljonen___

Approve minutes of the regular meeting on August 29, 2022.
M to approve __John Parsons__ / S _Dan Yoder_

Guests: Harvey Desnick Kathy McEvers Mary Long

Public Comment Communications:

New Business

~ Zoning Ordinance text amendment workshops held on April 22, May 16, June 6, June 28, and August 29.

Next workshop – propose date and time September 26 workshop was cancelled.

Next Workshop → October 29, 2022, 9am – 1pm

Master Plan Update

Work out a preliminary schedule for current plan review, thoughts on what level of update should be completed, and do we engage a third party.

Sara to reach out to the townships, and WUPDR quote for maps.

Short-term Rental presentation – plan for discussion and recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. Discuss using the consulting option for amending the Ordinance.

Unfinished Business

Planning Commissioner Candidates – Sara still needs to schedule interviews.

- → James Robertson
- → Andrew Bain
- →Aj Kern

Schedule interviews Friday October 14 at 3pm

Total of 4 variance request Public Hearings scheduled during the ZBA meeting on 10/13/22 at 4pm.

Cease and Desist Order

Issued a cease-and-desist order for an addition that appears to encroach on the public right-of-way. Pending survey results.

Ahmeek Adventure Mine Campground Expansion and Trail development → Special Land Use permitting Initial public hearing cancelled due to an incomplete application. Once a complete application is received, the Public Hearing will be rescheduled.

A meeting with the property owners was held on Monday 8/22 to discuss and clarify permit requirements.

Strike the Ahmeek Mine Campground from future agendas until a complete application is received.

Fanny Hooe Campground 2021 expansion – did not obtain the required zoning permit → Special Land Use permitting. EGLE permitting approved and was sent to Grant Township in February 2021. Received an email from the property owner on 6/2 stating that the application would be submitted the following week. To date, a complete application has not been received. Meeting with applicant was held on Friday 8/26.

Dockside Resort has been working on renovating the cabins they bought from the County in 2010. Hoping to set a meeting for Special Land Use permitting for operating their Resort.

→ Zoning Administrator Report
 9 zoning permits were issued between 8/25 and 9/23

Final Comments

Next Regular Meeting October 31, 4:00 PM

M to Adjourn __John Parsons___ / S __Steve Siira____