

*Keweenaw County Planning Commission*

*Meeting Minutes*

*Public Hearing-March 23, 2010*

Commissioner Soper called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. in the Grant Township Hall.

Roll Call: present: Jon Soper-Chair, Rich Schaeffer- Vice Chair, Members: John Parsons, Tom Hall, Jim Huovinen, Tom O'Callaghan, Carol Fouts- County Board Representative, Joan Nelson- Zoning Administrator.

PURPOSE: To hear public comment on the proposed Special Use Permit for a miniature golf course in Copper Harbor, Grant Township. Staci Gibson is the property owner. The public hearing was posted to commence at 6:00 pm.

Chairman Soper developed a power point presentation for the audience of some 25 citizens explaining the Special Use Permit process and reviewed the zoning designations in Copper Harbor. He made "specific findings of compliance with each of the ten (A through J) standards found in Section 10.5.1". After his presentation Staci Gibson explained how the course would be laid out on the west side of her property with the first nine holes meeting State requirements for the handicapped. Approximately six 400 watt lights will be installed shaded down on the course. Operational hours will be from 10a m. to 10pm. Dan Fosner, Assistant Grant Township Fire Chief, saw no fire problems. Jeff Coltas, Grant Township Public Works Director, saw no problems regarding streets, sewer or water. Nine parking places will be located off M-26 facing the mini golf course. All in the audience were in favor of the project and many spoke up supporting Ms. Gibson's proposed plan. Apparently across the street from the Gibson property there had been a previous mini golf course many years before which had been very popular. A public restroom and a Pro Shop will be built on site. Gibson plans to be operational within the next year. One written letter of support came from Don Kauppi.

John Parsons motioned to end the public meeting with Carol Fouts seconding. Motion carried. Jim Huovinen motioned for the Planning Commission to recommend to the County Board of Commissioners that they approve the Special Use Permit to allow Staci Gibson to build a miniature golf course on her property in Copper Harbor. Tom Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried without objection.

Motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm was made by O'Callaghan. Motion seconded by Parsons. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Jim Huovinen, Acting Secretary