

Keweenaw County Planning Commission
Minutes–March 29, 2011

Jon Soper called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, Keweenaw County Courthouse, Eagle River, MI

Roll Call: Jon Soper, Chairman Steven Siira, member
Richard Schaefer, Vice Chair Jim Huovinen, member
John Parsons, member Ned Huwatschek, member
Tom Hall, member
Don Piche, member, County Commissioner

John Parson is excused – out of town
Jim Huovinen is excused – out of town

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Motion to Approve Agenda

Add Bob Kauppi Permits to Unfinished Business – M/S/A Jon/Ned/yes

Motion to Approve regular meeting minutes of February 22nd, 2011.

M/S/A Tom/Steve/Yes

Planning Commission organization – elect Chairman and Vice Chairman

Chair – Jon Soper

Vice Chair – Jim Huovinen

Motion to accept nomination and cast a ballot for the same

M/S/A Richard/Ned/Passed

Guests: None

Zoning Administrator's Report

There have been zero county wide zoning permits issued for the year.

TR – Questions – Size of Structure w/ pressurized water system

New Business

Report of meetings with Townships re: County Master Plan

Allouez – Jon & John attended the meeting and The Township did respond with a list.

Eagle Harbor -- Ann attended the meeting and was given a copy of their plan.

Grant – Ned attended their township meeting and will make contact again with Supervisor Ken after the letter is sent out to the township.

Houghton – Tom attended the Houghton Township meeting. The township will send a reply.

Sherman – Steve attended and asked that the follow-up letter be sent to the board so they may better have the information to put their list together.

Keweenaw County Road Commission -- Jon and Don met with them and will be receiving the 5 -20 year equipment replacement and park repair outline.

Unfinished Business

Status of Zoning Ordinance re: printing with amendment. Jon has contacted the printers and the Ordinance is still in the print queue.

Discussion was held of what should be included in the Keweenaw County Master Plan. There was discussion regarding a need to meet with the Sheriff Department to find out what is necessary at Jail and to get a comprehensive list of Courthouse Building and grounds maintenance/replacement. The building is in desperate need of repair and due to the Historical Register – fixes must meet certain standards. Also be included are Mt. Horace Greeley potable water and road improvements along with the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge.

Dockside Resort, Robert Kauppi in Sherman Township – A set of hand drawn plans was received for the tower construction as well as a blank application to the USCG for aid to navigation status. The documents were delivered via Commissioner Piche. Documentation will be provided to the Commission from the Zoning Administrator regarding the complete time line of the project.

Torola Sauna – Documentation will be provided for the next Commission meeting from the Zoning Administrator regarding this timeline.

Correspondence

Letter of Support for Eagle Harbor Township to purchase the top of Brockway Mountain with access and use to remain as is. A letter be drawn up to be sent to EHT reflecting same. M/S/A Richard/Tom/Passed.

Public Comments -- Please limit comments to 5 minutes

Commission Final Comments

Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 26th, 2011, 6:00 pm
Keweenaw County Courthouse,