

Keweenaw County Planning Commission  
Minutes –April 26, 2011

Call meeting to order at 6:03 pm, Keweenaw County Courthouse, Eagle River, MI

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

Jon Soper is excused – out of town, all other members present

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was a request to add 'Officers' under unfinished business to the agenda, Huovinen/Hall/Approve Agenda Passed unanimously.

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 29, 2011 with a correction were approved. Hall/Siira/Passed unanimously

Guests: Jason Robinson and Aaron Rogers from Copper Harbor for discussion regarding Microbrewery.

Zoning Administrator's Report – Ann presented her report, spoke on a few of the highlights and asked about a garage on Birch Street.

#### New Business

##### Microbrewery in Grant Township

Jason Robinson spoke to the commission. He said that he wanted to open a microbrewery at 64 Gratiot Street in the old market. It has been closed for a few years. It is across the street from the Gaslight General Store. He wants to have a microbrewery, not a brewpub. The primary difference is as a microbrewery can sell through a distributor which gives him a year round business vs. one solely dependent upon foot traffic. He stated that he desires to have a three barrel system and will do all bottling and capping by hand. Zoning is the first step, then he needs to meet with the State Liquor Control Commission, and his final hurdle is licensing with the Federal Government. There were a number of questions asked and answered. After discussion among the commissioners the following motion was made by John Parsons, seconded by Ned Huwatschek "Based upon review of table 4-1 on page 4-17, section titled Tourist Service Establishments the microbrewery is acceptable under other handcrafted enterprises." Motion passed.

##### Grant Township Hiking/Biking Trail

Ann read an email from Dick Powers. After review by the Planning Commission, they have no jurisdiction for the project. We wish them well.

## Unfinished Business

Status of Zoning Ordinance re: printing with amendment. Map update  
Discussion of what should be included in the Keweenaw County Master Plan.

Both of the above items have been table until Jon Soper returns.

## Dockside Resort

Again there was a tremendous amount of discussion. Packets were created that had all of the previous correspondence included as well as a time line for the entire project. A letter containing the following points will be sent: The Tower Structure was built without a permit and is in violation of the zoning ordinance; An original complete detailed drawing of the entire structure, to scale, stamped certified by an engineer, in compliance with current zoning ordinance is required by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011; If drawings and permits are not secured by that date, the tower structure must be removed. Motion by Huovinen second by Hall – passed unanimously.

## Torola Sauna

Packets were passed out with all of the correspondence as well as a time line. Due to the lateness of the hour discussion was tabled until next meeting.

## Officers

Jim Huovinen declined the position of Vice-Chair suggesting a person with more experience take it. A motion by Huovinen seconded by Huwatschek to elect John Parsons as Vice Chair, John accepted and the motion passed.

Correspondence -- None

Public Comments -- Please limit comments to 5 minutes

Commission Final Comments – Commissioner Piche spoke about the status at the Mountain Lodge and the County building/property renovations that are very necessary.

## Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, May31st, 2011, 6:00 pm  
Keweenaw County Courthouse