

Keweenaw County Planning Commission  
Minutes –July 26, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm, **Sherman Township Hall, Gay Michigan**

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

All members present except Commissioner Piche, excused

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all

The agenda was approved as presented M/S/P John Parsons/Tom Hall

The regular meeting minutes of June 28, 2011 were approved as presented. M/S/P Jon Soper/Jim Huovinen

Guests: The Clerk and Treasurer for Sherman Township were present and each had a guest. The Commission introduced themselves around the table. Chairman Jon Soper thanked them for their hospitality in allowing us to meet at their town hall.

#### Zoning Administrator's Report

Ann had some questions regarding decks in reference to a situation in Copper Harbor where the primary structure is close to the water. The situation poses a potential health safety issue for young children not familiar with the topography. She also stated that in the fall Black Bear Inc will be bringing an update to their site plan with a desire to build on another area of their property.

#### New Business

The Chairman asked if anyone present may be interested in being a new member. He then went on to present the township with their copy of the amended Zoning Ordinance and explained the changes that were implemented. He reiterated that the county cannot create nor enforce a junk ordinance. A template was presented to the township for their review. He then took a moment to review the Zoning application and pointed out the necessary permits that are required prior to filing the zoning permit.

#### Unfinished Business

Jon is still working on the map update

There was lengthy discussion of what should be included in the Keweenaw County Master Plan. Each Township had submitted a list of recommendations. The committee took the time to review each township and determine if it was a county wide issue or one that needed to be taken care of at the township level. All of the recommendations will be listed in either the category of

County or Township. It is important that it is understood the recommendations will not be listed in order of priority.

The Dockside Resort was discussed briefly to inform those present the status as Bob gave to the committee at the May meeting.

Correspondence -- None

Public Comments -- Please limit comments to 5 minutes -- None

Commission Final Comments

A motion by Ned seconded by John to Commend Ann and the Sesquicentennial Committee for a job well done! M/S/P

Adjournment at 7:50

Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, August 30, 2011, 6:00 pm  
Grant Township Hall, Copper Harbor