

Keweenaw County Planning Commission  
Minutes –June 28, 2011

Call meeting to order at 6:12 pm, Keweenaw County Courthouse, Eagle River, MI

Roll Call: Jon Soper, Chairman Steven Siira, member  
Tom Hall, member Richard Schaefer, member  
Jim Huovinen, member Ned Huwatschek, member were present  
with the exception of Don Piche, member, County Commissioner and John Parsons,  
Vice Chair both with an excused absence.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Agenda was approved with the following additions, Junk and Medical Marijuana both added to new business. M/S/P Schaefer/Hall Passed

Approve regular meeting minutes of May 31, 2011 with the following verbiage change, "Bob reported to the board the current status of the Dockside Resort Project," replacing "brought us up to speed." M/S/P Huovinen/Hall Passed

Guests: Adam Arend spoke on behalf of the owners of a parcel of land in Section 20 T57N R32W. The concern was that the property was divided before the zoning ordinance was adopted. There is already one SFD on a parcel less than the required acreage. He asked the Commission if there was some way to allow the new construction. After much review of the ordinance, discussion and a question/answer session the following motion was made: To designate the NE1/4 of the SW1/4 of section 20, T57N R 32W into a rural cluster development. This decision is being made based on the fact that there is already one SFD on a 5 acres parcel and with the definition of cluster, it will allow for additional building on the remaining two 5 acre lots. M/S/P Hall/Siira Passed

#### Zoning Administrator's Report

Ann had presented her report then asked a question regarding farm animals on a 40A that isn't zoned Ag – Jon Soper referred her to Section 7.32, keeping of animals and livestock. It is permitted on lots larger than 10 A in CE, RR and R-1.

#### New Business

Junk – The County can not have a junk or blight ordinance. The Commission is willing to assist any township with finding one that may work for them. We will review a few of the 'better' ones and pass those along to any township requesting them.

Medical Marijuana – Please see page 1-3, section 1.3.2 subsection c. in the interpretation, application and enforcement of this Ordinance, whenever any of the provisions or limitations imposed are more stringent than any other law, rule, regulation or ordinance, then the provisions of this Ordinance shall govern. However, if the requirements of any other law, rule regulation or ordinance impose more stringent requirements than are imposed by this Ordinance, then the provisions of such other law or ordinance shall govern. Regardless of any other

provision of this Ordinance, no land shall be used and no structure erected or maintained in violation of any state or federal law or regulation.

#### Unfinished Business

Status of Zoning Ordinance re: printing with amendment. The copies were handed out at the meeting. Ann will ensure that each township receives a copy as well as the County Commissioners, ZBA members and the County Clerk.

Map update - Jon has all of the zoning changes ready for WUPPDR to make the necessary changes. He will review once more then bring them to Houghton.

Discussion of what should be included in the Keweenaw County Master Plan. Jon had heard from Lori Hauswirth regarding the 2010 census data. It is now available to be incorporated into the plan. We will not be changing the goals as set forth in the previous plan. We will be adding to the details of those. For the next meeting it is the responsibility of each of the Planning Commission members to review each of the submitted recommendations and determine if it is a county wide consideration or to be listed under the individual township. These will be a primary point of discussion at the July meeting.

Dockside Resort – Ann said that Bob came into the office on Monday and she provided him with a copy of the document signed by James Heikkila, the previous building inspector.

Correspondence - None

Public Comments -- None

Commission Final Comments –Jon mentioned that he found the first of the next corrections – page 2-11 Footprint, Building: See Building area. Area needs to be XXXX and replaced with Footprint. It should read **Footprint, Building:** See building footprint.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10

Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, July26, 2011, 6:00 pm  
Sherman Town Hall