

Keweenaw County Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes – September 24, 2013

Keweenaw County Courthouse 6:05 PM

Roll Call:	Jon Soper, Chairman	John Parsons, Vice Chair Absent, excused
	Ned Huwatschek, member	Richard Schaefer, member
	Steven Siira, member	Jim Huovinen, member
	Tom Hall, member	
	Ray Chase, Commissioner	Ann Gasperich ZA

Members excused: John Parsons

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Public Hearing for Cliff View Cabins, LLC was called to order by Chairman Soper.

Public Comment from Property Owners within 300'

Jerry Rota of Vansville spoke. He said he was not against it, only upset by the rumors.

Next was written Comments Property Owners within 300' – none were received

Next, Public Comment from Interested or affected persons/organizations\*\*

Jake Anderson, was upset by rumors and wanted to be sure Cliff View had to follow the same rules as everyone else.

Catherine Westcott of the Lac LaBelle Lodge was not opposed, the more business the better, she also was concerned about the rumors.

Susan Peterson Gherna was opposed because there isn't enough economic need and already two stations within one mile.

Written Comments from Interested or affected persons/organizations were read. Four letters in support were received: Mark & Barbara Upton, Jim & Sharon MacKenzie, Keweenaw ATV Club & State Representative Scott Dianda.

Verification questions were asked through the Chairman to James Willmes–

Have you been approved by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission? **A. Not yet**

When do you plan to dispense gasoline? **A. The tank order is 6 weeks out. We may start the concrete work now and be prepared for the approval of the State and the delivery of the tank.**

How long do you think it will be before approval by the state? **A. It took six months for the liquor license. I have no idea how long this process will be.**

Chairman asked if there were any other questions. There being none, he closed the public hearing.

M/S to approve the agenda by Jon/Jim passed with the following change. Review Table 7-1 regarding accessory structure in R-1, R-2, RR, & RS for Zoning Administrators clarification was listed twice. Keep the list under new business, remove the item under old business.

M/S to approve the minutes of August 27, 2013 by Richard/Jim with the following item removed: *M/S Richard/Steve a temporary use permit ????* OOPS? *Bad notes....suggestions????* Motion passed.

Guests

Charlie Hopper, Bill Eddy, James Willmes, Jake Anderson, Jerry Rota, Sue Peterson Gherna, Catherine Wescott, Mike McMahon, Fay Hayward, Shari Chase.

Public Comments -- Please limit comments to 3 minutes, not to exceed 30 minutes in total.

Public Comment: Charlie Hopper spoke to the current status of Pasty.net wireless status and the status of fiber in the area. The MERIT project is currently at the CLK Schools. They are working to get over to Pasty.net first 'station' at the old MSP post on Rockland Street. From the tower on Rockland it is 'line of sight' to Mt. Horace Greeley (MHG). The current holdup is a water main that was compromised by Peninsula Fiber Network during installation. The AT&T Fiber line is progressing to MHG. It is noticeable by the yellow tubing that is being buried. The tube is empty currently and no date has been determined for running the fiber. He also discussed how the change in technology has changed since Pasty.Net incorporated in 1999. In the beginning it was get everyone on to the net, now it is get everyone on to the cloud. Pasty.net has put in a number of upgrades this summer that made for some difficult times. The connection of fiber to the old state police post will benefit everyone.

#### New Business

M/S by Jim/Steve to grant the special use permit based upon no negative comments or correspondence during the public hearing and after reviewing each of the Basis of Determinations found Cliff View Cabins, LLC is in compliance, and further as conditions to approval do exist as follows:

The site plan will be followed as presented;

Cliff View Cabins, LLC must meet and be approved by and with all state of Michigan requirements.

Roll Call Vote – Soper-yes, Huwatschek-yes, Schaefer-yes, Siira-yes, Huovinen-yes, Hall-yes, Chase-abstain, Parsons-absent. Motion Passed.

M/S Jim/Steve to eliminate the second column in Table 7-1 with the heading "Maximum Size of the sum of squar footage of all accessory structures on a lot" Motion passed with one abstention, Ray Chase.

M/S Jim/Ned on table 5-3 page 5-6 to remove the words "See Section 7.9.2 and Table 7-1" for TR and TR (camp option) and replace with "5%". Motion passed with one abstention, Ray Chase.

#### Correspondence –

The information received from Mark Wycoff regarding Trailers was discussed. Ann was directed to prepare the second letter to the trailers owners letting them know December 1<sup>st</sup> is the removal date.

Steve Siira produced a document for discussion. Jon recommended it be placed under new business on the October agenda.

Due to the lateness of the hour, a motion to adjourn was accepted by Tom.

Schedule Next Regular Meeting – October 29, 2013, 6:00 p.m. in the Courtroom of the County Courthouse -- Public Hearing for Historical Society Eagle River Museum