

Keweenaw County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Minutes –April 29, 2014

Keweenaw County Courthouse 6:00 PM

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

All Members present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

The Agenda was approved M/S/P Huovinen/Schaefer

The minutes of the regular meeting March 25th 2014 were approved with the following two corrections: Chase abstained on the vote of minutes April 30th 2013 and the public hearing is set for May 27 not April 29th. M/S/P Chase/Parsons

Guests Mark Alhborn

Public Comment - none

New Business

Wireless internet service & Fiber Findings

Jim presented his findings to the planning commission. He interviewed 24 people who live or work in Keweenaw County. A copy of his survey will be attached to these minutes. Jim will contact Brian Norman, Director of External Affairs at AT&T Michigan to invite him to a meeting. The Planning Commission commended Jim for all of his work.

Unfinished Business

Review Amendments for Public Hearing in May

- **Meeting minutes from November 27, 2012 the following three items.**
 - Minimum lot size for AG parcels – A motion by John seconded by Ned to amend table 5-3 for minimum lot size of AG parcels to be lowered to 5 acres, passed.
 - Setback Requirement for existing non-conforming AG parcels. – a motion by Jon, seconded by John to add a footnote for a non-conforming ag lot to see the setback requirements on table 5-1 for RRA with onsite sewage disposal, passed
- **Meeting Minutes of January 29th, 2013 Motion by Tom Hall Seconded by Jim Huovinen Passed, Ray Chase Abstained.**
 - **Backyard poultry: zoning recommendations –**
 1. Limit the raising of chickens to single or two family residences only and the number of chickens to 6 per site.
 2. No roosters may be kept due to the noise.

3. Poultry should not be allowed in a residence, porch or attached garage. Chickens must be confined in a house or coop in the backyard of a residence. An outside, enclosed run may be allowed.
 4. The owner should dispose of waste materials in an environmentally responsible manner. The materials can be composted or bagged and disposed of in the trash.
 5. The poultry coop shall be within the normal setback and at least 20' from a neighboring residence.
 6. The impact and spread of disease can be reduced if households with poultry can be readily identified. Zoning permits are required, a site visit is not necessary.
- **Meeting minutes of April 30, 2013 Motion by John Parsons, seconded by Steve Siira passed unanimously, Ray Chase Abstained** to modify
 - Section 9.4 Non Conforming structures to remove the statement within the parentheses, (increased in square footage to include additional stories).

The following administrative changes/corrections will be made:

Amendment date on the front cover, update names of Planning Commissioners, County Commissioners and Zoning Administrator; Correct definition of Footprint, Building to read see Building Footprint; Table 4-1, Forest Management, Tree Trimming add " to R", Section 21.2 Violations C 10 – remove entirely (junk is a township control, should not be in the County Ordinance);

The Zoning Administrator's Report was reviewed

Public Comment none-

Commission Final Comments

Schedule Next Regular Meeting with a public hearing– May 27, 2014 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment called at 7:40 PM