

Keweenaw County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Minutes March 31, 2015

The Chairman called the meeting to order at the Keweenaw County Courthouse at 6:33 PM.

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

Tom Hall Excused knee surgery

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

M/S John/Ned to approve agenda with the addition of correspondence, and the removal of schedule a public hearing, passed

M/S Ray/Steve to approve minutes of the regular meeting on February 24, 2015 with the clarification that both John and Jim were excused, passed.

Correspondence – An email was read by Chairman Soper from Kathy and Mark McEvers.

Guests: James Rovano, Mary Long, Kathy McEvers, Mark McEvers

Public Comment was heard from Kathy and Mark McEvers, James Rovano and Mary Long regarding the correspondence and whether or not tourist/vacation homes are allowed in RR. Discussion included B&B's with owner occupied property (oop) vs non oop. Kathy and James both requested a clarification of the ordinance. Can a vacation home/weekly rental be allowed within the ordinance in RR? Jon Soper requested that this topic be on the agenda for the next meeting.

New Business

Jon reviewed the map changes that have been approved by the Board of Commissioner but haven't made it to the map. Ann will look at the following areas: the well head protection in Grant Township, Mouth of the Gratiot; Road 5 & 6, Central, Section 28 at Superior Craft, Allouez Amoco and neighboring area and Section 27 Cedar Bay.

Unfinished Business

Ann gave an update on the Land Use Plan. Like the Zoning Map, there is hope that a final draft will be ready for the April meeting.

The Zoning Administrator's Report was presented.

Final Public Comments –Kathy thanked the Commissioners for their time and willingness to listen to their concerns.

Commission Final Comments

Jim spoke for a few minutes about a chance meeting with a forester regarding wind turbines. He wanted to be given permission to make phone calls on behalf of the planning commission.

Jon Soper will try to get Jim a copy of the MTU wind study at Mount Horace Greeley.

There being no further comments the Chairman noted the next meeting scheduled for April 28, 6:30 PM Courthouse.

Chairman Soper motioned to adjourn.