

Keweenaw County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
January 29, 2019

Keweenaw County Courthouse 5:30 PM

Roll Call:	John Parsons, Chair	Barry Koljonen, Vice Chair
	Ned Huwatschek, Member	Steve Siira, Member
	Dan Steck, excused	Jim LaMotte, Member
	Jim Vivian, Commissioner	Ann Gasperich, Administrator

5 Member quorum is present, and meeting was appropriately posted.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ann accepted nominations for the Chair, John Parsons was nominated. M/S Ned/Jim L to close nomination and cast a vote for John, carried.

John accepted nominations for the Vice-Chair, Barry accepted the nomination after Steve turned it down. M/S John/Jim L to close nominations and cast a vote for Barry, carried.

M/S Barry/Steve to approve the agenda with the addition of Green Energy, carried.

M/S John/Ned to approve minutes of the regular meeting on December 4, 2018, carried.

Guests: Kathy McEvers, Mary Long

Public Comment none

Communications: Ann read aloud a letter regarding the Solar Array at the Ahmeek Street Car Station. The letter raised concerns regarding whether we followed the zoning ordinance. Permits were applied for after the fact for zoning and construction code. After consultation with Department of Transportation & Keweenaw County Road Commission, additional documentation needed to be provided to complete the application. Once the applications were complete, the required permits were granted. Late fees were assessed.

Unfinished Business

Private Road Section 7.29 – will be tabled until the February Meeting. Ann was directed to invite Gregg and Chuck to the meeting.

New Business

M/S Jim L/John to maintain the presented meeting schedule for 2019, with the change of the meeting start time to 4:00 PM. Carried.

The Capital Improvement Plan was discussed. Wind Energy, transfer stations and land fill were among the topics. It was determined a public meeting will be held

in March with the Townships and Ahmeek being invited as well as local Engineering Firms to discuss improvements to the County property.

Green Energy including wind and solar need to be addressed in the Ordinance.

The Zoning Administrator's presented her report and touched on the sections to be reviewed next.

Report from the ZBA –Steve reported on the new membership of the ZBA including Marty Faassen from Grant Township, John Wilhelm from Sherman Township, and Kelly Treganowan from Allouez Township. Rounding out the ZBA members are Mark Ahlborn from Grant, Mel Jones and Lesley DuTemple from Houghton Township.

Final Public Comments – Kathy thanked the Planning Commission and Ann for all of their hard work and dedication.

Commission Final Comments -- The legislation on 5G was brought up. Ann is meeting with Chuck Miller Thursday at 1:00 on that very topic.

Next Meeting February 26, 2019 4:00 PM

M/S Jim L/Steve to adjourn at 6:30