

KEWEENAW COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
Special Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2025

Meeting called to order at 1:00 by Chair Mark Ahlborn

Roll Call:

Mark Ahlborn, present	Frank Kastelic, present
Tom Bryant, absent (prior notice)	Mike Delesha, present
Larry Butala, present	Gary Russell, present
Harvey Desnick, present	Susan Hockings, present

Pledge of Allegiance recited

A quorum of 5 is present and the meeting was properly posted

Approve Agenda: M/Desnick      S/Delesha      Motion carried

Approve Minutes of Public Hearing held September 4, 2025 at 1:00pm:

M/Kastelic      S/ Delesha      Motion carried

Guests: none

Public comments were heard from Kathy McEvers and Debra Shelonzek with questions concerning process during the September 4<sup>th</sup> hearing. Clarifications given: findings of fact not finished due to time, attorneys needed additional time to resolve legal issues, 90-day extension of time was granted by the judge. Uncertainty whether appeal process concludes with attorney's agreement or proceeds to the ZBA for findings of fact; awaiting guidance from the judge. The judge's order required creation of a new record, including going through the list of items for findings of fact. The process is currently paused pending resolution between the attorneys and a 90-day extension (approved by judge). ZBA's role at this meeting is limited to approving minutes and returning them to the judge as requested

New business: Upcoming ZBA requests and need for scheduling. The Curry request was scheduled for October 14th at 1:00 PM (issues with setbacks for decks/porch, as zoning approval was granted for house only). Another request concerning standing by those opposed to rezoning Black Bear Inc. is pending further legal clarity on requirements. It could also be heard on October 14th at 1:45 if determined sufficient for the ZBA.

Notices will be prepared and sent out by the ZA.

Old Business: discussion about outdated zoning ordinances. The ZA will provide copies of the current KCZO to all ZBA members. The ZA will order ZBA Toolkits from MIAPA for all members and discussed training opportunities through MSU extension. Also noted was a need to review ZBA bylaws.

Next Public Hearing: October 14, 2025 at 1:00pm

Motion to Adjourn at 1:23pm      M/Butala      S/Delesha      Motion carried

Recording Secretary: Susan Hockings \_\_\_\_\_

ZBA Secretary: Larry Butala: \_\_\_\_\_