

KEWEENAW COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Minutes of Public Hearing
February 2, 2026

Chair called meeting to order at 1:00pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Mark Alborn, Chair/present	Frank Kastelic/present
Tom Bryant, Vice Chair/absent	Mike Delesha, First Alternate/present*
Larry Butala, Secretary/present	Gary Russell, Second Alternate/absent
Harvey Desnick, PC Liaison/present	Susan Hockings, Zoning Admin/present

**Delesha to sit for Bryant at this meeting*

A quorum of five members was present. The meeting was properly posted.

Approve Agenda:

M/Desnick S/Butala Agenda Approved

Approve November 3, 2025 Public Hearing minutes:

M/Kastelic S/Delesha Minutes Approved

Zoning Administrator Report: Hockings

Follow-up concerning Eagle Inns, Inc. Attorneys from both sides will be in conference with Judge Bulleit this week, and it was requested the ZBA schedule their findings of fact meeting after there is more clarity from the court.

Training materials concerning setbacks and right-of-way were distributed to members for review prior to discussion at next meeting.

PC Liaison Report: Desnick

First meeting of the Planning commission included annual signing of code of conduct for members, election of officers, and scheduling of meeting dates and times. Reported the Master Plan updates are in progress, and the last quarterly report was submitted and approved by the BOC.

New Business:

- 2026 Election of Officers: Discussion of which offices should be filled, and unanimous consensus was only office of Chair and Secretary is needed.

Motion to reelect Mark Ahlborn as Chair: M/Butala S/Delesha Motion Carried

Motion to reelect Larry Butala as Secretary: M/Ahlborn S/Kastelic Motion Carried

- 2026 ZBA schedule: Discussion of February 2nd, May 4th, July 6th, October 5th at 1:00pm for regular meetings, with special meetings scheduled as needed for variance requests. Motion to approve: M/Butala S/Delesha Motion Carried

- Discussion of Bylaws: After discussion, staff was directed to prepare preliminary bylaw information for the ZBA to review at next meeting.

Old Business: None

Public comments were opened. Comments were received from John Kern, AJ Kern, and Kathy McEvers. Public comment was closed.

Motion to adjourn at 1:31PM

M/Delesha

S/Kastelic

Motion carried

Recording Secretary: Susan M Hockings _____

Date: _____

ZBA Secretary: Larry Butala _____

Date: _____