

Keweenaw County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2026 at 4:00

Roll call: Chair Simila was an excused absence.

Members present: Pokorski, Kirby, Desnick, DeMarois, Parsons, and Siira.

Vice Chair Pokorski called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

A quorum was present and meeting was properly posted.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was approved unanimously with a motion by Kirby and second by Siira.

The minutes from the special meeting on May 11, 2026, which discussed the final chapters of the master plan, were approved unanimously. Motion by Kirby and second by DeMarois.

Public Comment: Lexi Tater spoke about concerns regarding data centers. She requested to make a presentation at a future meeting and offered to research local zoning to make policy recommendations. John Kern addressed delays in processing a proposed ordinance amendment submitted in December 2025.

Zoning Administrator Report: Two map amendment applications were presented, both related to properties owned by Aaron Rodgers: Trails End: Request to rezone from rural residential to resort service (currently a campground). East Bluff Campground: Similar rezone request from residential to resort service. Both require public hearings.

After discussion, a hearing date of June 24th at 4:00 PM was set.

Margaret asked to recuse herself from the Trails End matter due to owning adjacent property. A motion was made by DeMarois second by Desnick for Kirby to be recused from the Trails End portion of the Public Hearing to be held. The recusal applies only to voting and discussion on that item. The motion passed unanimously.

Master Plan Update: A meeting is scheduled for June 15th to focus on Chapter 12 of the master plan, covering implementation, duties, responsibilities, and timeline. The goal is to present the finalized plan to the County Board at the June 29th Planning Commission meeting.

Bylaws Subcommittee: No updates were provided. No reports from Bylaws or STR, or from the attorney.

Additional Public Comment: John Kern suggested the Planning Commission police its own and commented about what constitutes malfeasance.

Next Planning Commission Master Plan workshop meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2026 at 4:00pm. A Public Hearing is scheduled for June 24, 2026 at 4:00pm. Next regular meeting is scheduled for June 29, 2026 at 4:00pm

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Desnick, second by Kirby, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 4:20pm.