

**KEWEENAW COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 27, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Don Simila called the Regular Meeting of the Keweenaw County Planning Commission to order at **4:00 p.m.** at the Keweenaw County Courthouse, Eagle River, Michigan.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present

- Don Simila, Chair
- Bob Pokorski, Vice Chair
- Margaret Kirby, Secretary
- Harvey Desnick, ZBA Liaison
- John Parsons
- Steven Siira
- Bob DeMarois, BOC Liaison (Ex-Officio)

Staff: Susan M. Hockings, Zoning Administrator, excused

A quorum was declared present and meeting was properly posted.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Planning Commission and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to amend the agenda was made by Kirby, seconded by Pokorski, and unanimously approved.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2026 regular meeting as presented was made by Kirby, seconded by Parsons, unanimously approved.

ZA Report: tabled

BOC Report: Recent budget meetings and additional expenses for generators and a new furnace. KC annual budget runs with calendar year.

ZBA report: No business

New Business: none

Old Business: BOC approved release of the draft Master Plan which is currently published on website and will be available for review until Public Hearing scheduled for September 28, 2026 at 4:00pm. Pokorski reported that the BOC also approved the Master Plan quarterly report which has been submitted for reimbursement from TNC. Approximately \$10,000 remains in the budget.

Bylaws and STR subcommittees are still waiting for legal review to be completed.

Public comments heard from Mary Long, Kathy McEvers, Deb Shelonzik, and Lexi Tater.

Final Comments: Pokorski reminded everyone of early voting locations and dates. Next regular meeting to be held August 31, 2026 at 4:00pm.

Motion to adjourn at 4:21pm made by Kirby and seconded by Desnick, unanimously carried.