

Keweenaw County Planning Commission

~~DRAFT~~ Minutes – May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Approved 7.29.08

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm at Keweenaw County Courthouse by Chair Soper

Roll Call: Jon Soper, Chairman – present  
Janet Shea, Vice Chair Present  
John Parsons, Member Present  
Jay Piquette, Member Present  
Richard Schafer, Member Present  
Tom O'Callaghan, Member Absent (excused)  
Jack Treganowan, Member Present  
Joe Langdon, County Present  
Jeff Turnquist, County Commissioner Commissioner Absent  
Joan Nelson, Zoning Administrator Present

Approve Agenda MM/S Parsons/Treganowan to approve the agenda. Motion carried 7/0.

Approve minutes of April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting as corrected. MM/S Treganowan/Piquette Motion carried 7/0.

Guests: Mark Vichich, Village of Ahmeek

#### Unfinished Business

Commission organization. MM/S Soper/Langdon, to rescind the appointment of Jeff Turnquist as Planning Commission representative to the ZBA. Elected Commissioners are not eligible to serve on the ZBA. Motion carried 7/0

MM/S Langdon/ Treganowan to appoint on Soper as the Planning Commission representative to the ZBA. Motion Carried 7/0

Zoning forms: MM/S Treganowan/Shea to approve the Sign Permit, and Home Occupation forms as corrected. Motion carried 7/0

#### New Business

Joan Nelson, Zoning Administrator, read a letter that was sent to Houghton County and the Townships in Houghton County that are adjacent to Keweenaw County regarding current updating of Keweenaw County's land use plan; "Blueprint for Tomorrow". No representatives from Houghton County are present.

Review of the "Blueprint for Tomorrow" by Keweenaw County Townships. Two letters have been sent to each Township Supervisor in Keweenaw County inviting them to attend this meeting and participate in the updating of the land use plan. One letter was mailed last Fall and one was mailed this Spring. No Township representatives responded or were in attendance at this meeting. The Planning Commission members expressed great disappointment at the lack of interest among the Townships to be involved in the updating of the land use plan. The

Commissioners directed that a letter be sent to the Townships expressing their disappointment.

Ahmeek Village President Mark Vichich was present to express the village's interest in being involved in the update of County's land use plan. He said that Ahmeek will submit a village plan that they would like to have included in the updated "Blueprint for Tomorrow".

Correspondence - none

Zoning Administrator Report -

1. A brief report was given regarding complaints that have been received about a Nature Conservancy Sign at Bete Gris.
2. The Zoning Administrator, who is also the County Equalization Director, discussed the time requirements for both responsibilities. Summer is a very busy time for both zoning and equalization. Essentially all building activity requires a zoning permit. Also, the survey work that must be done for tax equalization is a summer activity. The Zoning/Equalization person is overstretched in the summer.

Public Comments - No public comments

Commission Final Comments - No final comments.

Adjournment MM/S Parsons, Schaefer to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Motion carried 7-0.  
Next Regular Meeting - Tuesday, June 24, 2008.\*  
6:00 pm - Keweenaw County Courthouse.

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\*June meeting cancelled / lack of quorum

Aug meeting to be held @ Sherman Twp Hall for Public Hearing concerning Special Use Permit to use the Twp School as a museum to be run by Historical Society.