

Keweenaw County Planning Commission
Minutes – November 29, 2011

Keweenaw County Courthouse 6:00 PM

Roll Call:	Jon Soper, Chairman	Steven Siira, member
	John Parsons, Vice Chair	Jim Huovinen, member
	Richard Schaefer, member	Ned Huwatschek, member
Excused	Tom Hall, member	Don Piche, member, County Commissioner
	Ann Gasperich ZA	M/S/A Jim Huovinen, John Parsons

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

The agenda was approved with the addition of adding a public hearing date under new business. M/S/A Jim Huovinen, John Parsons

Approved regular meeting minutes of October 25, 2011 with the following corrections – Jon was not absent and to remove the title for Shari Chase. M/S/P Jim Huovinen/Steve Siira

Guests: Shari Chase, Mary Long, OHM consultant Chris Nielson and Nathan Haupt via conference call.

Zoning Administrator's Report Ann presented the report with the matrix of applications. The report was reviewed, accepted and will be placed on file.

Unfinished Business

From the Zoning Administrators Report – with the variance application of the Dockside resort, A motion to postpone action regarding the letter dated May 5th that contains an October 1st 2011 deadline, until the regularly scheduled planning meeting following the final variance determination.
M/S/P Richard Schaefer/Steve Siira

Keweenaw County Master Plan was reviewed and a few more changes will be made for the next meeting. Priorities were again discussed. There will be no prioritization. It will take a 'champion' to move a project along.

AT&T Fiber Optic Cable

Members will make contact with people who may be able to provide insight and bring information to the next meeting.

New Business

The three tower packages from Verizon were reviewed. Nathan Haupt gave background information as to the selection process and final location determination. Many questions were asked and answered of him. After 25 minutes of discussion with Nathan the Public Hearing Date and Time was set for Tuesday December 20th at 6:00 PM in the Courtroom of the County Courthouse in Eagle River. Ann will take care of the necessary administrative items associated with the public hearing.

Correspondence

Jon read letters of support for the three towers in Grant Township from the Keweenaw County Road Commission and the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. He will read them aloud at the public hearing on Tuesday December 20th, 2011.

Public Comments -- Please limit comments to 5 minutes

Shari Chase asked if some of the items on the Master Plan could be categorized under the Economic Development Committee. Jon will make appropriate changes.

There being no further business to come before the board a motion to adjourn by Ned was received at 7:55 PM.

Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday December 20th, 2011, following the public hearing at 6:00 pm at the Keweenaw County Courthouse