

Keweenaw County Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes February 24, 2015

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Roll Call: Jon Soper, Chairman                      John Parsons Excused Absent  
              Jim Huovinen, Excused Absent        Tom Hall,  
              Ray Chase,                                        Ned Huwatschek  
              Steve Siira    Richard Schaefer  
              Ann Gasperich Zoning Administrator

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

M/S Richard/Steve to approve the agenda with the removal of the Schedule Public Hearing, passed.

M/S Ray/Tom to approve minutes of the regular meeting on January 27, 2015, passed

Guests: None present

Public Comment –

- Chairman Soper thanked Ann for all of her hard work and diligence.
- Ray Chase thanked the Planning Commission and Chairman Soper, from himself and from the County Board of Commissioners, for the tremendous work to accomplish the changes in the ordinance.
- Richard thanked Jon and John for keeping us on target and their continued service to the Planning Commission.
- Ned also thanked Jon and Ann for the tremendous job they did in pulling the amendments together and the presentation to the Board of Commissioners.

New Business

Definition of Vacation Home, Vacation Rental, Tourist Home – A home that provides overnight accommodations for transient travelers.

Unfinished Business

Fiber – Tom asked Jon a question regarding relay terminals being added in Eagle River if it would help? Jon replied that the relay specifications have so much to do with their application that he was not able to answer the question.

Jon then asked about the status of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) and stated he believed the topic of Fiber Optic and the relay switches, would be better served by the EDC. With the new people involved in the EDC and the goal of Connect Michigan being worked through WUPPDR and the interest of Jeff Radcliffe from KEDA – Jon suggested the movement of the

project to the EDC and off the table of Planning and Zoning. Ned as a member of the EDC will move this to their attention.

Ann gave the Zoning Administrator's Report –

Two letters were sent to homeowners regarding structures being built without first obtaining a zoning permit. Neither of the structures required a building permit. Both parties have since submitted the required zoning permits.

Travel Trailer owners have started to complete applications for their property. Ann will continue to follow up with the documents as the spring progresses.

Final Public Comments – none

Commission Final Comments

Tom may miss the March meeting – he will be having knee surgery.

The Next Regular Meeting will be March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Courthouse

Adjourn