

Keweenaw County Planning Commission
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
Minutes July 25, 2017

Tom Hall called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Roll Call:	Jon Soper, excused	Tom Hall, Member,
	Richard Schaefer, Member	John Parsons excused
	Steve Siira, Member	Ned Huwatschek, Member
	Barry Koljonen, Member	Dan Steck, Member
	Jim Vivian, Commissioner	
	Ann Gasperich Zoning Administrator	

5 Member quorum is present and the meeting was appropriately posted.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

M/S Jim/Ned to approve agenda, passed.

M/S Jim/Steve to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 27, 2017, passed.

Guests: Bill Eddy

Public Comment - none

Communications Ann shared a letter sent regarding the time frame regarding the shed on property on the Gay Park Road.

Unfinished Business – Campgrounds -

The commission discussed the allowed districts and conditions 10.12.4 for campgrounds. The two items of unfinished business ran together. Tom Hall reported his progress in collecting information from other local campgrounds. Barry Koljonen also gave a report on his contacts with the DNR. A huge thank you to both all of the work they did to help move this project forward.

Discussion by the Commission was to include RS1 with the current districts, AG, RR, RS2 and TR. In RS1 and RS2, a minimum of 2 acres was proposed. Any campground will require a special use permit. The 10 acre requirement would remain for AG, RR, and TR.

The commission then looked at the buffer section 15.4. This will need to be reviewed during the next meeting as well. Ann will check on other articles that refer to section 15.4 to see how changes will impact the ordinance.

Ann will email possible verbiage prior to the next meeting for review and comment.

New Business – there was none on the agenda.

The Zoning Administrator's Report – Ann requested the Commission review section 18.5.4 regarding shall vs may. 18.5.4 Inspections: The Zoning Administrator shall make as many inspections of buildings or premises as necessary in order to properly carry out the enforcement of this Ordinance or any permit, approval, or condition of a permit or approval, or order under this Ordinance. At a minimum the property shall be inspected upon staking for any building, and prior to occupancy. Her request is to have the zoning ordinance conform with current practice. Ann is not a licensed surveyor. It is impossible for her to determine lot line location. The zoning application currently has the following: **A SURVEY OR SCALE DRAWING SHOWING ALL DIMENSIONS**, (*adjacent roads, existing buildings, proposed work, proposed structures and setbacks*) **MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.**

After discussion, Richard recommended something like "In the case of a dispute regarding setback, it is up to the applicant to provide a certificate of Survey by a State of Michigan Licensed Surveyor". She will visit with the prosecutor before any changes will be brought back to the planning commission.

Report from the ZBA – Steve asked that the prosecutor review changes in wording to make the findings of fact easier for the ZBA. The prosecutor has already offered suggestions. Ann will have something for the next planning commission meeting.

Final Public Comments - none

Commission Final Comments – Jim Vivian gave an update on the Brockway Tower.

All members thanked Tom for stepping up and running the meeting.

Next regular meeting August 29, 2017 6:00 PM

M/S Jim/Steve to adjourn at 7:26.