

Keweenaw County Planning Commission
Draft Minutes
April 29, 2008

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Commissioner Soper called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Jon Soper, Chairman
Jay Piquette, Member
Tom O'Callaghan, Member
Richard Schaefer, Member
Jack Tregabiwan, Member
Joe Langdon, County Commissioner, Representative
Jeff Turnquist, County Commissioner, Representative
Joan Nelson, Zoning and Equalization Administrator

Absent: Janet Shea, Vice Chair
John Parsons, Member

AGENDA

Jeff Turnquist requested an addition to the agenda under new business.

Motion to accept the agenda by Jack Tregabiwan. Motion seconded by Tom O'Callaghan.

Motion carried.

Commission Organization

Motion by Joe Langdon to re-appoint John Soper as Chair

Motion seconded by Tom O'Callaghan

Motion carried

Motion by Joe Langdon to appoint Richard Schaefer as Vice-Chair

Motion seconded by Jack Tregabiwan

Motion carried

Motion by Jon Soper to re-appoint Tom O'Callaghan as Secretary

Motion seconded by Richard Schaefer

Motion carried

Motion by Joe Langdon to appoint Jeff Turnquist as Planning Commission Representative on the Zoning Board of Appeals

Motion seconded by Jack Tregabiwan

Motion carried

Minutes

The August 28, 2007, minutes were approved after reviewing the revised property legal description.

Motion by Richard Schaefer to approve the August 28, 2007, minutes.

Motion seconded by Jay Piquette.
Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Langdon to approve the February 26, 2008, minutes.
Motion seconded by Jack Tregabiwan.
Motion carried.

ted that the March 2008 Planning Commission meeting was cancelled

Guests: none

Unfinished Business

Adopt forms: Home Occupation, Sign Permit. Review and adoption of forms was deferred

Land Use Plan Updates: Township Supervisors will be invited to the May 27, 2008 meeting to discuss re-view of the County Land Use Plan. Supervisors from Houghton County Townships adjacent to Keweenaw County will also be invited. Richard Schaefer will talk to Eagle Harbor Township about participation.

New Business

Planning Commission Training will be held in Houghton on June 11th, 2008. Planning Commission Chairman Soper and Zoning Administrator Nelson will attend.

Zoning Map Corrections for Ahmeek Mine Location were discussed. While reviewing detailed descriptions, the Zoning Administrator and her staff noted that some larger parcels appear to have up to be in up to 3 zoning districts at one time. The Administrator and staff will complete their review and bring the completed review to the Planning Commission.

The Trails Committee will meet on April 29th at the Mountain Lodge to review and consolidate various trail projects. A comprehensive trail system will be defined and proposed.

EDC Comprehensive Projects Plan: Jeff Turnquist reported that the EDC is reviewing the Comprehensive projects plan for Keweenaw County. The plan provides WUPPDR with direction for seeking grants. Each Township as well as the County Administration is to provide input to the plan

Correspondence

None

Zoning Administrator's Report

- \$ The Administrator reported that the Zoning Map has been completed.
- \$ The Zoning Administrator reviewed the Zoning Ordinance and determined that County Owned land is subject to the Zoning Ordinance.
- \$ The Equalization Office has \$ ~~5,000~~ left in its training budget which should be adequate. *Zoning 2,000*
- \$ A citizen who lives in Alequez Township has a parcel of land in Sherman Township where he wants to build a 30 by 50 shed for storage. It was recommended that he first apply to the ZBA for a variance.

Public Comments

None..

Commission Final Comments

A discussion on was held concerning Section 19.3 of the Zoning Ordinance. The Section covers the roles and responsibilities of the Zoning Board of Appeals. No action was taken

Adjourn

Motion by Jack Tregabiwan to adjourn. Motion seconded by Jeff Turnquist.
Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for 6:00 pm on May 27, 2008 at the County Courthouse.