

Keweenaw County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
Minutes – January 29th, 2013

Keweenaw County Courthouse 6:05 PM

Roll Call: Jon Soper, Chairman John Parsons, Vice Chair,
 Jim Huovinen, member Ned Huwatschek, member
 Richard Schaefer, member
 Tom Hall, member
 Ray Chase, Commissioner Ann Gasperich ZA

Members excused: Steven Siira,

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

A motion by John seconded by Tom to approve agenda -- Passed

A motion by John seconded by Ned to approve the minutes of December 11, 2012, passed.

Guests: there were none

New Business

Nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman were taken, Jon Soper for Chairman and John Parsons were nominated. Nominations were called a second and third time there being no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

A motion by Jon seconded by John to accept the officers as nominated passed unanimously!

Chairman Soper welcomed Ray Chase as the Board of Commissioners representative to the Planning Commission

Discussion regarding the establishment of meeting dates & times for 2013 – Meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of the month with the exception of November and December. The meeting for those two months will be a combined meeting held on December 3, 2013. All meetings will be called to order at 6:00 PM. Approved by consensus.

Unfinished Business

Backyard poultry a motion by Tom seconded by Jim and passed with Ray Chase abstaining, to approve the following for recommendation to the Board of Commissioners at a date yet to be determined:

Backyard poultry: zoning recommendations

- Limit the raising of chickens to single or two family residences only and the number of chickens to 6 per site.
- No roosters may be kept due to the noise

- Poultry should not be allowed in a residence, porch or attached garage. Chickens must be confined in a house or coop in the backyard of a residence. An outside, enclosed run may be allowed
- The owner should dispose of waste materials in an environmentally responsible manner. The materials can be composted or bagged and disposed of in the trash
- The poultry coop shall be within the normal setback and at least 20' from a neighboring residence.
- The impact and spread of disease can be reduced if households with poultry can be readily identified. Zoning permits are required, a site visit is not necessary.

The Forsythe Township Zoning action in Marquette County Circuit Court was discussed. The point was made that Shady Grove Farm is protected by the Right to Farm Act as long as the operation of the farm does not change.

The Master Plan was reviewed and the following information will be included:
All municipalities within the County participated with input for the plan, as well as the Sheriff Department, County Road Commission, Courthouse and Grounds Committee, Brownfield and Economic Development Committee.

Map Rezoning update discussion

The recommended changes to the seven parcels on #5 & #6 Roads as well as the KJM property (old Superior Crafts) in the SE1/4 of S/W1/4 Section 28-T57N-R32W were adopted by the County Board of Commissioners (BOC) on May 20, 2009. The 13 Ahmeek Location parcels as well as the four lots on the County South Boundary, Lots 29,30,32 & 33 were adopted by the BOC on 07/15/2009. Ann will look into the Road Commission request for 2010 to find out the status.

Zoning Administrator's Report

The report was received and placed on file. Uninhabitable structures were discussed and it was determined that the County did not have any avenue regarding these types of structures, no matter construction stopped mid stream or dilapidated structures.

The agenda for February will contain the letter for temporary housing as requested by the ZBA to be sent.

Correspondence – there was none.

Public Comments – there was none.

Commission Final Comments – Direction to Ann to invite Marsha Bertoldi to a meeting in March or April for an update from her April 2012 presentation.

Adjournment at 7:45 PM

Next Regular Meeting – February 26, 2013, 6:00 p.m. Courthouse