

Keweenaw County Planning Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
March 26, 2019

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

All Members were present, and the meeting was appropriately posted.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Chair opened the Public Hearing for Special Use Permit for Tower at the Sheriff Department.

John provided opening remarks and read from the ordinance. According to section 7.5.2 which states: **7.5.2 Governmental Facilities:** Buildings, structures, facilities and/or uses owned or operated by Keweenaw County are subject to the provisions of this Ordinance. All buildings, structures and/or uses owned or operated by a local, state or federal agency require review and approval of a site plan by the Planning Commission prior to construction or alteration, except as provided elsewhere in this Ordinance, or by State or Federal Law. With that in mind, we must hold this public hearing for the special use permit for the replacement tower under Section 10.12.6.

John then introduced Bill Eddy as the Special Zoning Administrator for this project and gave a brief history of how Bill was appointed. John then called for testimony from the Public in Person. There was none. John then called for testimony from the Public in writing. Bill had received comments from two property owners within 300'. He read them aloud. Both were in support of the tower replacement. The Planning Commission presented no comment. The Chair closed the public hearing at 4:08PM.

**M/S John/Steve** to approve the agenda with the addition of the Keweenaw Trail Committee under new business. Passed

**M/S Dan/Jim L** to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 26, 2019, passed.

Guests: Kathy McEvers

Public Comment -- none

Communications – The letter from Rural Development was discussed. Ann will reply and return.

New Business

**M/S Jim L/ Ned** to recommend approval of the Special Use Permit for the Tower to the County Board, Motion passed with Jim Vivian abstaining.

A previous commercial parking concern was discussed. The County Road Commission was notified.

There was nothing new on the 5 G Update

Jim Vivian spoke about a new Keweenaw Trail Committee. There is tremendous interest from all types of trail users to start a standalone committee. Jim will keep the Planning Commission informed.

Unfinished Business

M/S Steve/Jim L to approve section 7.29 and present for replacement. Draft will be attached to the minutes.

Capital Improvement Plan Set public comment period for April 30th

The Zoning Administrator's Report – reminder of the ordinance changes, Ann will have a package for the April meeting.

Report from the ZBA – Next meeting April 12 at 4:00 PM

Final Public Comments - none

Commission Final Comments -- None

Next Meeting April 30, 2019 4:00 PM

M/S Jim L/Dan at 4:53 to Adjourn