

Keweenaw County Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
March 30, 2021

Keweenaw County Courthouse 4:10 PM

Roll Call: John Parsons, in person Steve Siira, zoom
 Barry Koljonen, in person Dan Steck, zoom
 Jim LaMotte, zoom
 Jim Vivian, Commissioner, absent Ann Gasperich, in person

A quorum is present, and meeting was appropriately posted.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

M/S Koljonen/Parsons to approve the agenda with the update of the Private Road Application, passed.

M/S Siira/Steck to approve minutes of the regular meeting on February 16, 2021, passed.

In attendance from the ZBA, Mark Ahlborn, Frank Kastelic, Marty Faassen, and Leslie DuTemple,

Guests: Dale Sulak, Garrett Hartwig, Aaron Rogers, Matt Cooper, and Adam Millsap

Public Comment: Aaron, Matt and Adam spoke to their desire to create a Farm to Table Restaurant within the Trails End Campground. Accessory uses to Campgrounds are on the Zoning Administrators report, item 3 under administrative. They desire to incorporate the restaurant as well as a food truck and maybe be able to serve adult beverages in the future. They also discussed setting up a quiet zone after 11:00PM.

Communications: Wilding, LLC mixed use request

New Business

Brought down from Communications – There was much discussion on the potential of a mixed-use district. It was determined the administrator would contact Wildings LLC and ask them to as well as Bill Hyrkas, to provide more information as to what specifically they are looking to do with the land. Dan shared concerns of potential contamination and the concern of a change in use from and M-1 district to anything that may involve housing. Environmental studies all have a specific scope of work. There may need to be additional testing prior to any change of use.

It was determined the next direction is to present and request the Future Land Use Map be placed on the April meeting agenda of the County Board of Commissioners for action as the new zoning map.

Unfinished Business

There is room for a Planning Commission Member as well as two Zoning Board of Appeals Members. The Planning Commission could use additional geographic representation from Sherman or Grant Township. The Zoning Board of Appeals could use additional geographic representation from Allouez Township.

Private Road Application was discussed, and it should be placed on the April Board of Commissioners meeting agenda.

Report from the ZBA – Mark and Steve reported on the public hearings which have been held in the past and there is another on the horizon for May.

The Zoning Administrator’s Report – Ann went through her report and related her concerns as to the

Final Public Comments – Matt thanked the board for their consideration of the farm to table restaurant as an accessory use for campgrounds.

Commission Final Comments -- We need to look at the future for campgrounds in our area, what is feasible for the different districts, as well as what was the previous use of property and how to move forward with special use options throughout.

Next Meeting April 27th 4:00 PM

M/S LaMotte/Koljonen to adjourn at 5:24