

Keweenaw County Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes – November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Chairman Soper called the meeting at the Houghton Township Community Hall to order at 6:03 PM.

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| Roll Call: | Jon Soper, Chairman  | John Parsons, Vice Chair, |
|            | Jim Huovinen, member | Ned Huwatschek, member    |
|            | Tom Hall, member     | Steven Siira, member      |
|            | Richard Schaefer     | Don Piche, Commissioner   |
|            | Ann Gasperich ZA     |                           |

All members present

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The agenda was approved with the following additions, master plan under unfinished business –John Parsons/Tom Hall/all approved

The minutes of October 30<sup>th</sup> were discussed, Jon requested the word “new” be added in his quote at the bottom of page two, Tom/John/all approved.

Guests: Mary Long & Shari Chase

Zoning Administrator’s Report was discussed. Ann has applied for a grant to cover the registration and lodging to attend a zoning administrator class in St. Ignace in February. A motion by Ned, seconded by Jim, if the grant for the zoning administrator to attend the school does not go through, the money should come from the planning or general fund. Motion carried.

#### New Business

GAAMP – Generally Accepted Agriculture Management Principals is currently covered in 7.32 item E, at the end, or consistent with any management practices established pursuant to that ACT. (the right to farm act).

Backyard Poultry – John will review the proposed addition and bring his comments to the December meeting.

Minimum lot size for AG parcels – A motion by John seconded by Ned to amend table 5-3 for minimum lot size of AG parcels to be lowered to 5 acres, passed.

Setback Requirement for existing non-conforming ag parcels. – a motion by Jon, seconded by John to add a footnote for all non-conforming ag lot to see the setback requirements on table 5-1 for RRA with onsite sewage disposal, passed

#### Unfinished Business

Findings of Fact #7 review – it was discussed widely and determined that item number 7 in 19.13.B.7 is only a finding of fact for a Planned Unit Development and not for every request that may come before the ZBA.

Correspondence – there was none.

Public Comments – the floor was opened for public comments: Shari Chase thanked the Commission for its interpretation of FOF #7.

#### Commission Final Comments

Jim Huovinen asked that we invite Ross from the Keweenaw Copper Company to attend our next meeting.

Richard asked that we take a complete and thorough look at the plan for more areas that may need to be revised, such as the 5 acres in 7.9.1. He reminded the committee that all of the changes we determine are necessary, must be approved by the Planning Commission, a public hearing held, then presented to the Board of Commissioners for their final approval.

Jon said that the draft of the master plan is currently being prepared. He will be meeting again with WUPPDR. He also spoke to the medical marijuana issue and the inability of the County to have an ordinance regarding such. An ordinance for MM must be adopted by the municipality, ie, city, village or township.

Jon motioned to adjourn at 7:46 and reminded everyone to take a look at the new Eagle River Museum on the second floor.

Next Regular Meeting – December 11, 2012 Training at 2:30 meeting to follow @ approximately 4:00 pm Courthouse