

Keweenaw County Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes – February 25, 2014

Chairman Soper called the meeting to order Keweenaw County Courthouse 6:01 PM

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

Members excused: Steve Siira

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

The Agenda was approved with two additions to new business, election of officers and conflict of interest policy. M/S/P Ray, Ned passed

On the last page of the minutes, of January 28<sup>th</sup> 2014, A motion by Jim to present the changes to the Board..... please correct to read ...to present the zoning ordinance changes to the Board. M/S Jim/Tom motion passed.

Guests Charlie Hopper

Charlie spoke to the new FCC Broad band experiment to allow a one-time grant and an ongoing subsidy for Internet Service Providers to apply for to funding that would allow for funding strands of fiber from Phoenix to Eagle River, assist Eagle Harbor and Copper Harbor in getting fiber as well as other location in the County if available.

Jim Huovinen asked about putting pressure on AT&T to run the fiber. There was much discussion. It was determined the letter should be sent to the FCC. Ann will send the historic information she has to Jim so he can begin work on the new letter.

Charlie said the application needs to be in by March 7<sup>th</sup> with the package probably not being received back until mid-late summer. He will put out the word for letters of support when the time draws nearer.

Public Comment – there was none

New Business

Election of Officers

Chairman – Jon Soper and Vice Chair John Parsons were nominated from the floor. Nominations were called from the floor three times, there being no other nominations the nominations were closed. A unanimous ballot was cast for Jon and John.

Conflict of Interest Policy – Chairman Soper read the conflict of interest policy aloud. The policy was discussed and agreed that an annual reading of the policy at one meeting per year is appropriate.

Unfinished Business

Brought down from Board of Commissioners Meeting

Storage on 5+ acres – how many units

B. *Storage of recreational vehicles in AG, ED and TR districts.*

\*\*Public Comments -- Please limit comments to 3 minutes. Total Public Comments not to exceed 30 minutes.

*Recreational vehicles may be stored year round in these districts on parcels without a principle structure subject to the following:*

- 1. Only one (1) recreational vehicle may be stored on parcels up to five (5) acres. A maximum of four (4) recreational vehicles may be stored on parcels larger than five (5) acres.*
- 2. Conditions A2, A3 and A5 apply*

Motion by Jon/Ned, there was further discussion, motion passed with one abstain, Chase

## Residential Districts –

In Residential Districts, only one recreational vehicle is allowed on any parcel. A recreational vehicle is not allowed to occupy any parcel for more than 90 days in a calendar year without an "Intent to Build" permit. On parcels two (2) acres or greater a special use permit may be applied for. (See section 10.12.28)

Motion by Jonh/Jim further discussion, vote called all in favor with one abstain, Chase

## Special Use Permit

### **SPECIAL USE 10.12.28 RV's in Residential Districts:**

RV's are allowed by Special Use in CE, R-1, R-2, RR, RS-1, and RS-2 when in conformance with the following requirements:

- A. The Residential lot size must be at least two acres.
- B. Shall be harmonious with the character of adjacent property and the surrounding area
- C. Shall not change the essential character of the surrounding area.
- D. Must have Western Upper Peninsula Health Department approved potable water and sewer permit or other documentation proving compliance.

RV's receiving special use designation by the County Board of Commissioners are exclusive to the approved applicant and the approved RV. The special use designation does not run with the land and is only valid for three years. Violation of any portion of this ordinance shall constitute revocation of the permitted special use status automatically.

#### Conditions upon approval

- A. The Recreational Vehicle (RV) is not a permanent or primary structure.
- B. The RV must be removed upon expiration of the special use permit or transfer of ownership of the property.
- C. The placement of the RV must meet all setbacks as required in table 5-1

A motion by Jon to change 7.13 to include the inclusion of 10.12.28 for special use permit on residential parcels two (2) acres or greater with these conditions, Second by John, motion passed with one abstain, Chase.

## Zoning Administrator's Report

The report was received and discussed regarding the cell towers in Delaware and Lake Medora.

Public Comment -- none

Commission Final Comments -- none

Schedule Next Regular Meeting – March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 6:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn by Chase at 8:29