

Planning Commission Annual Report for 2019

City of Ishpeming



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Membership

Ishpeming Planning Commission member names:

1. Brook Routhier
2. Gabe Seelen
3. Mike Tonkin (Council member)
4. Harry Weikel
5. Bruce Houghton
6. Angelo Bosio
7. Jim Bertucci
8. Larry Bussone
9. Diane Gauthier

Meetings

The MPEA requires at least four (4) meeting annually.

The Ishpeming Planning Commission met seven (7) times. This MEETS the requirements of the MPEA.

Master Plan Review

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| May 6, 2019 | <p>Review Ishpeming community assessment Sept. 2018 through April 2019.</p> <p>Ryan Soucy provided master plan considerations, ideas and time frames and will use more graphics. He will also use Facebook and websites for comments and incorporate some RRC mater plan features. Ryan will be at the June meeting with more information to select a scope of services.</p> |
| June 3, 2019 | <p>Commissioners reviewed draft City of Munising master plan which has more graphics, discusses current trends and limits tables.</p> <p>Recommendation to Council for maximum payout of about \$20,000 for 2020 budget.</p> <p>A recommendation to Council that the draft P3 be adopted – passed unanimously.</p> |

- August 5, 2019 Ryan Soucy working on a plan involving public and private consultants to help address workload created by MEDC RRC program.
- September 9, 2019 Dotty LaJoye, CUPPAD executive director, proposed complete master plan rewrite for Ishpeming from November 2019 through June 2021, involving a downtown plan, public input through community surveys, web responses, and the Ishpeming community assessment group. Costs will be approximately \$18,000 and zoning will be increased greatly on the website. An increase in staff hours and accountability is also anticipated.

Zoning Ordinance Amendments

- RZ 2019-01 Rezoning of Bell Hospital from DD to GC
- Zoning text Added to Section 14.3D (GC conditional uses “and (6221) general medical and surgical hospitals”).
- March 4, 2019 Final revisions to draft zoning ordinance: Fire department revisions, Bell Memorial conditional use text additions, RRC comments and proposed text revisions.
- June 3, 2019 Typing of Z.O. still in progress.
- November 4, 2019 Staff to finish Z.O. typing/formatting not available.

Development Reviews

Project Type	Location	Description	Status	Action Date
Revision to CU 2017-01	550 Cleveland	36-unit apt. bldg	approved	1/7/19
Alley vacation	408-412 S. Fourth St.	Unpaved alley with no utilities	Recommend vacation to Council	1/7/19
CU 2019-01	1014 N. Second St.	Home occupation	Approved with access esm't	1/7/19
New site configuration	550 Cleveland St.	Amend findings of fact – Bell Hosp'l footings	Approved with 5-2 vote	3/4/19

CIP	citywide	CIP 2020-2025	Recommend approval to Council	6/3/19
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- June 3, 2019 Presentation of "Three Sons" project on Hematite Drive, no information presented.
- September 9, 2019 Public forum on recreational marijuana. City attorney presented historical highlights for MMMA 2008, MMFLA 2008 and MRTMD 2015. The revenue stream and funding were discussed. Chairman opened public forum indicating that past experience was to opt-out of medical/recreational marijuana. Public comment (5) was received and planning commissioners also commented. Upon discussion and vote, planning commission recommended that Ishpeming opt-out.
- November 4, 2019 Election of planning commission secretary and assistant secretary.

Variances

No variances to report for 2019.

Actions by Legislative Body

- February 27, 2019 Rezoned NW1/4 NE ¼ exc. The West 150' of Sec. 4, T47N-R27W from DD to GC.
- April 24, 2019 The City Council officially adopted Z.O. with ad in paper. Final formatting in process.

Zoning Map

- August 5, 2019 Zoning administrator presented five areas with homes located in districts that don't allow them. Commissioners encouraged addressing these inequities.
- September 9, 2019 Planning commission held three public hearings on rezoning from I, MI and DD districts to Residential districts for 19 parcels. The PC recommended to Council to rezone.

Trainings Attended

To training to report for 2019.