

Ishpeming Planning Commission  
Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2022  
(Agenda items are in bold text)

**A. Call to order** -- for the Ishpeming Planning Commission was by Acting Chairperson Brooke Routhier at 6:36 P.M.

**Election of Chairperson** -- Moved by Lindsay Bean, supported by David Lawler and passed unanimously that Brooke Routhier be Chairperson.

**Election of Vice Chairperson** -- Moved by Lindsay Bean, supported by Brooke Routhier and passed unanimously that Harry Weikel be Vice-Chairperson.

**Election of Secretary of the Planning Commission** -- Moved by Brooke Routhier, supported by Lindsay Bean and passed unanimously that Bruce Houghton be Secretary of the Planning Commission.

**Planning Commission 2022 Meeting Starting Time** -- Al explained that the new commissioner worked at Wilderness Sports and was not available until 7 P.M. A motion by Brooke Routhier supported by David Lawler that the 2022 P.C. meeting starting time commence at 7 P.M. passed unanimously.

**Planning Commission 2022 Meeting Dates** -- Moved by Brooke Routhier, supported by Lindsay Bean and passed unanimously that the PC meet on 02-07, 03-07, 04-04, 05-02, 06-06, 07-11, 08-01, 09-12, 10-03, 11-07, & 12-05 in 2022, and 01-09-2023.

**B. Roll Call** --

*Present:* Brooke Routhier, Mike Kinnunen, Lindsay Bean, David Lawler, Mike Elliott, Kari Getschow, and Ryan Pizziola @ 7:08 P.M.

*Absent:* Harry Weikel, and Bruce Houghton.

*Public present:* Emily Soucy and Al Pierce, Zoning Administrator.

**C. Public Comment** -- none

**D. Approval of Agenda** --The agenda was modified by Lindsay and supported by Brooke to add item **E.5 Introduction of P.C. Members** which addition was approved unanimously as presented.

**E. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** -- The meeting minutes of December 06, 2021 were unanimously approved as presented upon a motion by Lindsay Bean supported by Brooke Routhier.

**E.5 Introduction of P.C. Members** -- All members present, including the Zoning Administrator, shared a brief biography of their background.

**F. Presentations** - none

**G. Public Hearings** -- none

**H. New Business**

**1. CUPPAD -- Emily Soucy: Master Plan Review and Comments**

Ryan was not present and was represented by his wife Emily. Brooke commented on the closure of the Empire Mine -- Pg. 7 and more recreational emphasis Pg. 8. Lindsay encouraged more recreational emphasis as well as Motorized and Non-motorized Trails as well as RAMBA & IOHT. She also thought the "Love and Regret" portion (pg. 9) was out of place. Lindsay offered help with Adobe formatting, if necessary, and that the City is now attracting younger families. The picture on Page 15 is not in Ishpeming. Continuing Recreational Trail Development is an important economic factor for Ishpeming. Lindsay suggested several adjective revisions substituting "historic" for attractive, "innovation" for culturally rich, "tradesman" for tradesperson. Brooke felt that our recreational opportunities were not mentioned enough. Emily thanked Commissioners for their review and comments.

There was discussion regarding Ishpeming's efforts to obtain the Re-development Ready Community (RRC) status and its benefits, the Wabash Height's Subdivision opposition to development, the "Egg Beater", the Marquette County Climate Adaptation Study, and EV charging stations.

## **2. Malton Road Recreation and Development**

There was general discussion of Malton Road potential campground. There would be no development on the West side, but the East side is proposed for 28 Rustic Camp Sites. UPEA is developing a site plan. This appears to be a plan in process.

## **3. Review of Draft Marihuana Application Form (hand out at meeting)**

Al displayed a draft form about 7' long (8-10 pages total) in draft form that is ready for typing and proofing. There will be statutory delays for revisions of the Zoning Ordinance to work in tandem with the applications. As we are only allowing 2 locations in the City, we must be prepared to process without delays. The final form has only about one hour of typing performed so far. The details and time frames for adoption were discussed.

## **I. Old Business**

### **1. City Council Second Reading – Marihuana**

**City Council Second Reading Chapter 2-1600 (Police Power)**

**City Council Second Reading Chapter 8-100 (Zoning Ordinance)**

The information presented is an overview of detail changes to the Zoning Ordinance and is as adopted.

### **2. Old Landfill – City Solar farm investigation Update**

Al informed Commissioners regarding techniques to anchor solar panels atop closed landfills and a hot-off the press MSUE "Planning & Zoning for Solar Energy Systems" guidebook that is very good.

## **J. Correspondence – None.**

There was a general discussion about the extent of City of Ishpeming's ownership along the North side and Southwest side of Teal Lake in the City of Negaunee (about 2 ½ miles).

**K. Meeting Adjournment** was unanimous upon a motion by Lindsay Bean supported by Dave Lawler at 8:29 P.M.

**Prepared By:**



Alan K. Pierce, Planning Commission Assistant Secretary

**Reviewed By:**

Bruce Houghton, Planning Commission Secretary