

**CITY OF ISHPEMING PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2, 2022**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Ishpeming Planning Commission was called to order in the Council Chambers at City Hall by Chairperson Brooke Routhier at 6:30 p.m. May 2, 2022.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Brooke Routhier, Lindsay Bean, Dave Lawler, Mike Elliot, Mike Kinnunen, Bruce Houghton, and Kari Getschow (7). Also present was Al Pierce, Zoning Administrator.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Routhier suggested the approval of the previous meeting minutes be removed from the agenda as they were not available and would like to add under presentations a thank you to Harry Weikel for his service on the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Member Houghton, supported by Member Lawler and carried unanimously to approve the agenda incorporating the above amendments.

E. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – None for approval.

F. PRESENTATIONS

The Planning Commission thank Harry Weikel for his longstanding service on the Planning Commission and his dedication to the community.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. CUPPAD-Master Plan Update

Zoning Administrator (ZA) Al Pierce advised Ryan Soucy was not able to attend tonight however, he was continuing to work on the infrastructure map and should have a mostly completed draft for the June meeting.

A motion was made by Member Houghton, supported by Member Elliot and carried unanimously to move the June meeting from June 6 to June 13, 2022.

2. Public Hearing: Conditional Use Permit CU 2022-03 Cognition Brewery (Jay Clancey)

ZA Pierce reviewed the conditional use permit request for the Cognition Brewery and advised this area had been rezoned to the Central Business District and the proposed use did require a conditional use. All necessary requirements for the conditional use permit have been completed. He reviewed the proposed revisions to the church including the outside seating area. No comments have been received to date related to the conditional use permit. This would also include limited food service.

Jay Clancey provided a brief explanation of the proposed project and the potential timeline. Discussion took place regarding the project.

Member Routhier would be abstaining from voting because she was related to Jay Clancey.

A motion was made by Member Lawler, supported by Member Houghton and carried unanimously to approve the conditional use permit CU 2022-03 for the Cognition Brewery as presented. Motion passed 6-0 with Member Routhier abstaining.

3. Public Hearing: Rezoning RZ 2022-01 UP Your Properties LLC Ish Creamery - (Lisa Thompson)

ZA Pierce advised this property has been commercial for a very long time and there was documentation verifying the commercial use. The proposed zoning would correct the Zoning Map error which listed the property as General Residential.

This rezoning would correct the long term mislabeling of the parcel and place it in the General Commercial district. He further noted there should be no hold up on the project.

A motion was made by Member Houghton, supported by Member Bean and carried unanimously to approve the rezoning from General Residential to General Commercial as proposed in RZ 2022-01 for UP Your Properties as presented and forward to the City Council for the zoning ordinance map amendment.

4. Malton Road Rustic Campground Project – Review and Support of Project

ZA Piece advised the City was looking to have the Planning Commission review the proposed project and submit a letter of support for the design of the campground site.

There was discussion related to the design drawing of the site in the campground, who would be taking care of the campground and the possible necessity of hiring additional part time summer staff, the reservation system for the campground; and the various trails around the campground.

ZA Pierce advised there was currently no easement for the UPPCO line that runs through that area, so he would recommend an easement be pursued with UPPCO.

A motion was made by Member Houghton, supported by Member Routhier and carried unanimously to prepare a letter of support for the campground to be forwarded to the City Council and include the recommendation to pursue an easement with UPPCO.

5. Development of PC Plan for Malton Road Area

There was lengthy discussion related to the Malton Road Area for the future land use plan. The Planning Commission felt it was very important to preserve the recreational trail system in that area along with any possible development in that area. This area could be used for low impact recreation particularly since the zoning is deferred development and the definition of that zone is very vague.

Member Bean advised in some conversations she had with the Negaunee City Manager he indicated he would like to develop a joint recreation area with the City of Ishpeming.

Members suggested that the various groups work together to develop plans they would like to see in that area which would include Parks and Recreation, RAMBA, the DDA, and the City Council along with the Lake Superior Community Partnership. There was further discussion related to all the other areas where there were trails either on City property, Cleveland Cliff property, and/or private property.

Member Routhier will put together a rough plan for the Planning Commission.

6. Sign Ordinance Discussion

There was no new information related to the Sign Ordinance amendments. There was some discussion related to the different signs that are used and if the Planning Commission could limit the signage and limit the size of the signs.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. E-mail Registration: Old Landfill – City Solar Farm Investigation Update (Marquette Township, Monday, May 16, 2022 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.)

ZA Pierce was registered to attend the Solar Farm Update in Marquette Township.

I. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Jasper Ridge Inn – Proposed Pool Addition

ZA Pierce informed the Planning Commission of the proposed pool addition at the Jasper Ridge Inn.

J. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 p.m., a motion was made by Member Houghton supported by Member Elliot and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Prepared by:



Cathy Smith, City Clerk

Alan K. Pierce, Assistant Secretary