

Ishpeming Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes for March 6, 2023 6:30 P.M.

Ishpeming City Hall Room 211.1

- A. **Call to Order**—for the Ishpeming Planning Commission was by Acting Chairperson Mike Kinnunen at 6:32 P.M.
- B. **Roll Call**—
Present: Bruce Houghton, Torrey Dupras, Mike Kinnunen, Lindsey Bean, Mike Elliott, and Kari Getschow.
Absent: David Lawler, Ben Argall, and Brooke Routhier.
Public Present: Al Pierce, Zoning Administrator and Jodi Champion, Recording Secretary.
- C. **Public Comment**—None
- D. **Approval of Agenda**—A motion was made by Bruce Houghton to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Torrey Dupras, and carried unanimously.
- E. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**—from 02-06-2023.
A motion was made by Bruce Houghton to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2023 meeting, supported by Mike Elliott, and passed unanimously. Minutes of 3/07, 4/04, 5/02, 6/13, 8/01, 9/12, 10/04, 11/14, 12/05 and 12/21/2022 are not typed yet.
- F. **Presentations**—None
- G. **Public Hearings**—None
- H. **New Business**—
1. **Wabash Heights Extension**—The Planning Commission shared its Draft meeting minutes with the Ishpeming City Council, which included the Commission's recommendations regarding the Wabash Heights Extension. City Council will review it at its March meeting.
 2. **Informational-Proposed Housing Development Areas in Ishpeming**
Several areas were discussed. Wabash Heights, Section 9, & Section 16 were amongst some mentioned. Al Pierce mentioned that there is a lot of grant money available for future developments. There are also several City owned, vacant lots that already have utilities that would be ideal for development.
 3. **Informational-Washington & N. Washington Street Addressing**
Al Pierce addressed the numbering on Washington Street. There are several residences that are numbered incorrectly. There are 5 or 6 houses that are not numbered sequentially. Al would look to make changes to these houses sometime after-tax returns go out, as not to interfere with any refunds that would be delivered via the post office. A motion was made by Bruce Houghton to instruct Al Pierce, Zoning Administrator, to make necessary changes to those addresses mentioned above and was supported by Torrey Dupras, and carried unanimously.

I. **Old Business—**

1. 2022 Master Plan Goals

- A. Mike Kinnunen, in regard to the Master Plan's Implementation Strategy, would like to request that discussion of goals be put on the agenda each month. For April, he would like to review the Zoning Ordinance, discuss housing & alternative income properties, short term rentals, and review the blight ordinance.
- B. A joint meeting between the Planning Commission and the Downtown Development Authority was discussed, possibly for May. Commission would like to see two meetings a year, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. Al Pierce will see about coordinating a date with the DDA.

2. UPPCO Easement @ Rustic Campground-mark up sent to UPPCO

Al Pierce reported that the review had been finished on the easement and was sent to the City Attorney with intention to proceed.

J. **Correspondence—None**

K. **Meeting Adjournment—**

A motion was made by Bruce Houghton to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 P.M., supported by Torrey Dupras, and carried unanimously.

Prepared by: _____

Jodi Champion, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary



Alan K. Pierce, Planning Commission Assistant Secretary

Reviewed by: _____

Bruce Houghton, Planning Commission Secretary