

Ishpeming Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes for April 3, 2023

6:30 P.M.

Ishpeming City Hall, Room 211.1

A. Call to Order- for the Ishpeming Planning Commission was by Chairperson Brooke Routhier at 6:33 P.M.

B. Roll Call-

Present: Bruce Houghton, Torrey Dupras, Mike Kinnunen, Lindsay Bean, Mike Elliott, David Lawler, Brooke Routhier, and Kari Getschow.

Absent: Ben Argall.

Public Present: Al Pierce, Zoning Administrator and Jodi Champion, Recording Secretary.

C. Public Comment- None

D. Approval of Agenda- A motion was made by Lindsay Bean to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Bruce Houghton, and carried unanimously.

E. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by David Lawler to approve the minutes from the March 06, 2023 meeting, supported by Bruce Houghton, 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. Informational-Vacant City of Ishpeming City Single Parcel Ownership Report- Brooke Routhier inquired as to whether one listing could be put together that would include available lots, a map for reference, and utilities vs. non-utilities. The intent would be to utilize the list in the sale of these lots.
2. Informational-Final Site Plan for "Legacy Underground Mine Discharge Water Treatment Plant". Al Pierce explained that the goal of the project, is to clean the discharge out of the run-off produced from the mine. Currently, the run-off is being routed to the pilot treatment plant, then back to the creek. Brooke Routhier voiced her concern that there was no entry definition on the site plan and whether or not a curb-cut will be incorporated.
3. Conceptual Mather Garage Plan Review/Support- Bill Anderson and Lisa Peterson, owners of The Mather Inn which is located at 107 E. Canda St., presented to the Planning Commission the conceptual plan for a two-story parking garage, to be located adjacent to the Mather Inn. The presentation was given with intent to gain support from the Board. The 3.2-million-dollar project would offer 16 apartments, 2 studio and a massage area along with a two-story parking complex. The lower level would provide parking for the residents of the Mather Inn, with potential for the top level to be used for public parking. Lindsay spoke for the Council regarding 2 EV

charging Stations. Mike Kinnunen made a motion to support the idea for the garage project, supported by Lindsay Bean, and passed unanimously.

4. Discussion on Canda Street Lot Use or Sale from DDA 01/23/2023 Meeting. The City took the Canda Street Lot back from Buck's Substation, because of lack of development. The Commission would be in favor of a pocket park being developed to offer a walkway into downtown and recommend that the back of the buildings, next to the lot, be encouraged to clean up their garbage. A motion was made by Lindsay Bean to encourage the City to develop the lot as a pocket park and walkway into the downtown area, supported by Bruce Houghton, and passed unanimously.
5. Short Term Rentals: Initial Discussion- Amend the Zoning Ordinance or have a Separate City Ordinance? Al Pierce would prefer that short term rentals would fall under a Police Power Ordinance, with agreement from Brooke Routhier. Lindsay expressed a desire for safe occupancy limits. Recommendation to table this until next meeting.

I. Old Business-

1. 2022 Master Plan Goals-Excel spreadsheet of Master Plan List-
-Discussion to set up a joint meeting with the DDA was conducted.
-Map from Marquette County Equalization of areas that can be re-zoned to offer more residential space. Al Pierce will follow up with them.
2. UPPCO Easement @ Rustic Campground-revised Easement being reviewed by Attorney.

J. Correspondence- None

- J. Meeting Adjournment-** Bruce Houghton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 P.M., supported by Mike Elliott, and passed unanimously.

Prepared by: _____

Jodi Champion, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary



Alan K. Pierce, Planning Commission Assistant Secretary

Reviewed by: _____

Bruce Houghton, Planning Commission Secretary