

Ishpeming Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes for May 01, 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 6:32 P.M.
- B. Roll Call-**
Present: Torrey Dupras, Ben Argall, Brooke Routhier, Bruce Houghton, Kari Getschow, Michael Elliott, Mike Kinnunen, David Lawler and Lindsay Bean.
Absent: None
Public Present: Al Pierce, Zoning Administrator and Jodi Champion, Recording Secretary.
- C. Public Comment-** Judy Tucker of 138 Bessemer St. Ishpeming, MI, would like to comment under Item 1 in New Business.
- 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 04-03-2023.
A motion was made by Bruce Houghton to approve the minutes from the April 03, 2023 meeting after the addition of Bill Anderson and Lisa Peterson's names under Public Comment, supported by Ben Argall, and carried 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. Recommendation: Bessemer/Fifth St. Right-of-Way, Lot 617 C.I.M.Co.s Third Addition- Judy Tucker of 138 Bessemer St. in Ishpeming voiced her concern about the increase of traffic and speed on Bessemer and Fifth Streets. Mrs. Tucker's house sits on a curve and the street actually runs through her property. The concern is that with the increase in traffic and speed, the possibility of an accident happening in her front yard has increased tremendously. Mrs. Tucker would like Bessemer Street to return to a dead- end street again. The Commission concluded that City Council should be given a recommendation to research property lines. A motion was made by Lindsey Bean to recommend that the Ishpeming City Council determine where the City right away and the Tucker's property meet, supported by Bruce Houghton, and carried unanimously.
 2. Recommendation: Road Name Change: Malton Road to Union Park Drive- Ishpeming City Council is seeking permission to change the name of Malton Road to Union Park Drive. A motion was made by Bruce Houghton to change the name from Malton Road to Union Park Drive, supported by Torrey Dupras, and motion failed 7-1. Ayes: Bruce Houghton. Nays: Torrey Dupras, Ben Argall, Brooke Routhier, Kari Getschow, Michael Elliott, Mike Kinnunen, and Lindsay Bean.
 3. Informational: City of Ishpeming/Ishpeming City Parcel Ownership Map- Al Pierce reiterated the need to identify parcels that are used, vacant, and those that already have utilities in place on one map. The map has been ordered through the County.

4. A) DDA/Planning Commission Joint Meeting-Sept. or October; B) Proposed Topics of Discussion-
 - A) Cathy Smith, City Clerk, is currently working to collaborate a date for this meeting.
 - B) Some topics of discussion that would like to be discussed were the Farmer's Market and the definition and qualifications of Blight properties.
5. Short Term Rental (STR) Ordinance Discussion (no handout)

Al will research what Marquette County communities have adopted and are using to regulate STR's locally. The City of Marquette addresses this issue via their Zoning Ordinance while other units have approached this issue on a stand-alone ordinance. Al indicated his preference for a simple approach and will present some concepts at the next PC meeting as examples of what other units are doing.
6. Master Plan: P3 (Public Participant Plan) Review-

Discussion was postponed until a hard copy is available for review.
7. Ishpeming Blight Review-

Brooke Routhier discussed the definition of blight;a property that is run-down and/or neglected. She also inquired whether or not Russ Kilgren, Code Enforcer, could give the Committee a report that would indicate how many citations he has written out. Al Pierce will follow up with Russ.
8. Training Resource: AARP Livable Communities-

AARP offers information in regards to creating Livable Communities. Topics range from Creating Community Gardens to Creating Affordable Neighborhoods. The Committee was encouraged to check it out.
9. Update on Youth Liaison-

Consensus to table the discussion of a student intern and to add topic to the September agenda.
- I. Old Business-**
 1. UPPCO Easement @ Brass Wire Campground-revised Easement being reviewed by Attorney-

City Attorney has been given Easement to review. Waiting on her response.
- J. Correspondence-** None
- K. Meeting Adjournment-**

Bruce Houghton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 P.M., supported by Lindsay Bean, 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