

**CITY OF ISHPEMING PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 8, 2025**

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 6:31 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2025.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Brooke Routhier, Mike Kinnunen, Mike Elliott, Dax Richer, Cory Richards, and Todd Prillwitz. (6). Absent: Ben Argall and Matt Loos (2). Vacant seats (1). Also, present was Andrew Duerfeldt, Zoning Administrator (ZA).

C. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Member Elliott, seconded by Member Kinnunen, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

E. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Member Richer, seconded by Member Richards, and carried unanimously to approve the August 4, 2025 meetings minutes as presented.

F. PRESENTATIONS – None.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

H. NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Review: Master Plan Goals and Implementation

Member Routhier questioned if the two items brought up by CUPPAD Ryan Soucy should be added to the 2026 list: the future land use map and revisions to the housing section before 2027. Commission members thought these two items could fall under item 4 in 2026-Master Plan Update. She also suggested the goals should be reviewed quarterly by the Planning Commission.

There was discussion related to the status of the 2025 goals and the upcoming joint meeting with the DDA. Member Routhier would like to discuss, at a later meeting, the addition of a member of the planning commission meeting quarterly with the City Manager.

2. Discuss: Reschedule 11/3/2025 Planning Commission Meeting

A motion was made by Member Routhier, seconded by Member Elliott, and carried unanimously to reschedule the November 3, 2025 Planning Commission to November 10, 2025 because of the November 4th Special Election.

3. Review: Lighting Ordinance Draft

ZA Duerfeldt reviewed the language additions and deletions in the draft ordinance and advised that if the Commission had no other changes to the ordinance, he would forward the ordinance to the City Attorney for review. After Attorney Bridges' review he would bring the ordinance back to the Planning Commission.

There was discussion on the ordinance including street lighting and the types of lighting the ordinance covered. The Commission suggested the language in Section 9; Item 7 be slightly reworded to read "Streetlighting shall be reviewed" instead of "shall be determined" before it is forwarded to the Attorney.

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4. Discuss: Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance Development

There was discussion among staff and the Commission related to the addition of Accessory Dwelling Units in the Zoning Ordinance. Discussion included the pros and cons; making housing more accessible for families; opening more options for residents to allow for some rental units; and the need to have a parking requirement and possibly a registration for ADU's.

Also talked about was the Marquette City information on ADU's provided by staff and if placed in the zoning ordinance having it be a conditional use.

5. Review: Planning Commission/City Council Communication Practices

Discussion took place on communication with the City Council and how it could potentially be improved.

I. Old Business – There was none.

J. Correspondence – There was none.

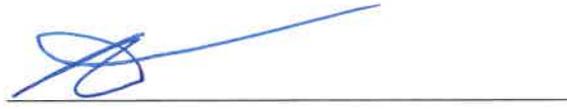
K. Meeting Adjournment

At 8:10 p.m., a motion was made by Member Kinnunen, seconded by Member Elliott, and carried unanimously to adjourn.

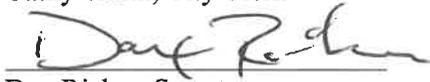
Prepared by:



Cathy Smith, City Clerk



Andrew Duerfeldt, Zoning Administrator



Dax Richer, Secretary