

Planning Commission Annual Report for 2024

City of Ishpeming



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Membership

Ishpeming Planning Commission member names (9 authorized, 9 appointed):

1. Brooke Routhier
2. Lindsay Bean (Council Member)
3. Torrey Dupras (Secretary)
4. Philip Carter
5. Michael Elliott
6. Kari Getschow
7. David Lawler
8. Mike Kinnunen
9. Cory Richards
10. Mike Tonkin
11. Ranelle Halverson

Meetings

The MPEA requires at least four (4) meetings annually.

The Ishpeming Planning Commission met eleven (11) times. This meets the requirements of the MPEA.

Master Plan Review

January 08, 2024- Review of Continuing Goals.

February 05, 2024 – Discussion Postponed.

March 11, 2024 – Discussion postponed due to Joint DDA meeting.

March 04, 2024- Discussion of goals.

April 01, 2024 – Discussion postponed due to presentation.

May 06, 2024- Discussion of junk yard zoning and Housing Ready Initiative study for short-term rentals.

June 03, 2024 – Discussion postponed due to public hearings

July 08, 2024- Cancelled.



August 12, 2024 – Discussion postponed.

September 23, 2024 – Discussion postponed due to Joint DDA meeting.

October 07, 2024 – Cancelled.

Nov. 11, 2024 – Discussed economic development, future land use, and environmental goals.

Dec. 02, 2024 – Discussed economic and environmental goals.

Zoning Ordinance Amendments

March 04, 2024 **ZTA 2024-01:** Zoning Ordinance Amendment proposed to the Planning Commission to allow Personal, Demonstration, and Community gardens of 3 sizes in the SR, GR, MR, NC, GC, CBD, and I Zoning Districts as Permitted or Conditional Uses.

Development Reviews

Project Type	Location	Description	Status	Action Date
Sign and Lighting Ord.	City Wide	Developmental Concepts	On-Going	March 2024
Short Term Rental Ord.	City Wide	Initial Draft	Reviewed	Feb. 2024
Pocket Park	Canda Street	Development Concepts	On-Going	March 2024
Railroad Trestle Murals	Lakeshore Drive	Development Concepts	On-Going	April 2024
Recreational District Overlay Map	City Wide	Developmental Concepts	On-Going	May 2024
CU 2024-01	Cleveland Ave.	Partridge Creek Farm Comm. Garden	Approved	May 2024
CU 2024-02	Deferred Development (DD) District	Eight Storage Building Construction	Approved	June 2024



CU 2024-04/05	Washington/Junction St.	Two Added Duplexes (Mag Supply/ Moyle)	Approved	August 2024
NCU 2024-1	873 Palms Ave.	Wonderland Motel (Conversion to Apartments)	Approved	Sept. 2024

Variances

Project Type	Location	Description	Status	Action Date

Actions by Legislative Body

May 08, 2024

Approved RZ 2024-01 upon Second Reading: A rezoning from (I) to (GR) for Lots 4, 5, & 6 of the Assessor’s Plat of the Nebraska Location and that part of the abandoned variable width L.S. & I Railroad that lies East of Fourth St. in Cleveland Iron Co.’s Addition to Ishpeming and South of Lots 5, 6, & 8 of said Assessor’s Plat and West of Jasper Street as recorded in the Plat of the Hard Ore Addition; also Lot 31 of the Plat of the Hard Ore Addition and that part of the abandoned railroad grades lying NW’ly of Lots 32, 33, and 48 of said plat and lying NE’ly of Jasper Street and South of the ROW of Division St. from the I (Industrial) zoning district to the GR (General Residential) zoning district.

July 10, 2024

Approved RZ 2024-02 upon Second Reading: Zoning revised on certain parcel of land described as: U.S. Steel Corp. Assessor’s Plat No. 1 of the Hard Ore Extension: Lots 39-66 & Lots 68-72 and that part of the SW ¼ of Nw ¼ of Section 10 T47N-R27W beginning at the SE corner of Lot 68 of the US Steel Corp. Assessor Plat No. 1 of the Hard Ore Extension: TH. S. 50’; TH. W. 149.29’; TH. S> 16.8’; TH. N. 76° W. 72.11’; TH N. 124.72’; TH S.



73° E 74.51'; TH S. 49.82'; TH E. 216.61' to POB from the MR (Multiple Residential) zoning district to the GR (General Residential) zoning district.

Zoning Map

- Feb. 19, 2024 **RZ 2024-01:** Planning Commission corrected an error by re-zoning from I (Industrial) to GR (General Residential) zoning district for a strip of land east of South Fourth St. and running east crossing Jasper St.; ending at Division St.
- April 11, 2024 **RZ 2024-02:** Planning Commission (PC) corrected a 1984 zoning error by re-zoning from MR (Multiple Residential) to GR (General Residential) Zoning District for Assessor's Plat No. 1 of the Hard Ore Extension.

Trainings Attended

Name	Topic/Description	Date
Brooke Routhier	Michigan Association of Planning Training	March '24
Lindsay Bean	Michigan Association of Planning Training	March '24
Michael Elliott	Michigan Association of Planning Training	March '24
David Lawler	Michigan Association of Planning Training	March '24
Kari Getschow	Michigan Association of Planning Training	March '24
Phil Carter	Michigan Association of Planning Training	March '24
Andrew Duerfeldt (ZA)	MSU Extension Citizen Planner Training	Oct-Nov '24