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Planning Commission Annual Report for 2025

City of Ishpeming



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Membership

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

1. Brooke Routhier (Chair)
2. Ben Argall (City Council Representative)
3. Torrey Dupras
4. Michael Elliott
5. Mike Kinnunen
6. Matt Loos
7. Todd Prillwitz
8. Cory Richards
9. Dax Richer

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 13, 2025- Review of Economic Development Goals; Joint DDA Meeting.

February 03, 2025- Environmental Goals (*Section 6*); Economic Goals (*Section 5*).

March 03, 2025- Economic Goals (*Section 5*); 5-Year Plan List; Updated Table of Objectives.

April 07, 2025- Economic Goals (*Section 5*); 5-Year Plan List; Updated Table of Objectives.

May 05, 2025- Discussion of Master Plan Implementation Strategy 2023 (*Section 7*); 2024 Annual Planning Commission Report Adoption.

June 02, 2025- 2025 Master Plan Goals Review; Planning Commission Annual Report Review.

June 16, 2025- Special Meeting; Rezoning of Industrial (I) to General Residential (GR) districts at Barnum Location #2 (*Section 4, Section 7*).

July 07, 2025- 2025 Master Plan Goals and Implementation Strategy Discussion.

August 04, 2025- 2025 Master Plan Goals and Implementation Strategy Adoption.



September 08, 2025- 2025 Master Plan Goals and Implementation Strategy Review.

October 06, 2025- Capital Improvement Plan Discussion (*Section 10*); Youth Liaison Plan (*Section 4*).

Nov. 10, 2025- Master Plan Goals; Capital Improvement Plan Evaluation and Ranking Submission to City Council.

Dec. 01, 2025- Future Land Use Map Evaluation; Recreation/Conservation District Zoning Discussion (*Section 4, Section 6*); Form-Based Zoning Discussion (*Section 11*).

Zoning Ordinance Amendments

None.

Development Reviews

Project Type	Location	Description	Status	Action Date
CU 2025-01	216 W. Division St.	7 Rental Residential Units	Approved	May 2025
CU 2025-02	805 N. Fifth St.	Duplex Use	Approved	July 2025
Short Term Rental Ord.	City Wide	Final Draft	Submitted to City Council	July 2025
Lighting Ord.	City Wide	Draft	Submitted to City Attorney for Review	September 2025
Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ord.	City Wide	Draft	Submitted to City Attorney for Review	Oct. 2025
Ordinance Amendment	General Residential (GR) District	Permitted By Right Duplex Use	Submitted to City Council	November 2025

Conservation/ Recreation District	City Wide	Developmental Concepts	On-Going	December 2025

Variances

Project Type	Location	Description	Status	Action Date
NUV 2025-01	231 New York St.	Garage Addition	Approved	04/09/2025
NUV 2025-03	316 S. Fourth St.	Deck Addition	Approved	12/01/2025

Actions by Legislative Body

- July 16, 2025 **Approved RZ 2025-01 upon Second Reading:** A rezoning from (I) to (GR) for Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, and 18 of the Assessor’s Plat of the Barnum Location #2.
- July 16, 2025 **Approved Amendment to Ordinance #8-600 upon Second Reading:** Ordinance violations terms changed from misdemeanor to Municipal Civil Infraction.

Zoning Map

- July 16, 2025 **RZ 2025-01:** Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, and 18 of the Assessor’s Plat of the Barnum Location #2 re-zoned from I (Industrial) to GR (General Residential).



Trainings Attended

Name	Topic/Description	Date
Ben Argall	Michigan Association of Planning (MAP): WORKSHOP5 Blight and Nuisances (Live Virtual).	03/12
Torrey Dupras	Michigan Association of Planning (MAP): WORKSHOP5, WORKSHOP6 Managing Risk (Live Virtual), Blight and Nuisances (Live Virtual) Group.	03/12, 03/18
Michael Elliott	Michigan Association of Planning (MAP): WORKSHOP5, WORKSHOP6 Managing Risk (Live Virtual), Blight and Nuisances (Live Virtual) Group.	03/12, 03/18
Mike Kinnunen	Michigan Association of Planning (MAP): WORKSHOP5, WORKSHOP6 Managing Risk (Live Virtual), Blight and Nuisances (Live Virtual).	03/12, 03/18
Cory Richards	Michigan Association of Planning (MAP): WORKSHOP1B Planning & Zoning Essentials Workshop (Live Virtual).	03/12, 03/18
Dax Richer	Michigan Association of Planning (MAP): WORKSHOP1B Planning & Zoning Essentials Workshop (Live Virtual).	03/19
Brooke Routhier	Michigan Association of Planning (MAP): WORKSHOP5, WORKSHOP6 Managing Risk (Live Virtual), Blight and Nuisances (Live Virtual) Group.	03/12, 03/18