

**CITY OF ISHPEMING PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
October 4, 2022**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The rescheduled regular meeting of the Ishpeming Planning Commission was called to order in the Council Chambers at City Hall by Chairperson Brooke Routhier at 6:46 p.m. Tuesday, October 4, 2022.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Brooke Routhier, Mike Elliott, Kari Getschow, Dave Lawler, Lindsay Bean (arrived at 6:43 pm) and Mike Kinnunen (6). Absent: Bruce Houghton and Ben Argall (2). One vacant seat (1). Also present was Al Pierce, Zoning Administrator (ZA).

C. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Routhier added the letter from Melissa Olgren under correspondence (I)(2); added under New Business (G)(3) Discuss Wabash Connection to Malton Road; and under Old Business (H)(4) Campground Signs.

A motion was made by Member Lawler, seconded by Member Kinnunen, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda incorporating the above amendments.

E. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

No minutes were available for approval.

F. PRESENTATIONS – There were none.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. CU 2021-03 Parking Lot Construction – ZA Pierce advised he spoke with the owner of the apartment on the corner of Division and First Street and provide a brief update. This was an informational item.

2. Discuss 2023 PC goals – Review Master Plan Implementation Strategy

There was discussion as to the location of where the Master Plan would be available for the public to review which included: City Hall, Carnegie Library, Ishpeming High School, Senior Center, Greater Ishpeming-Negaunee Chamber of Commerce.

Discussion followed among Commission members, staff, and Ryan Soucy from CUPPAD related to the master plan goals and implementation strategies for the goals. Members would review further and bring ideas and suggestions back to the next meeting.

3. Wabash Street to Malton Road

There was discussion on the connection from Wabash Street to Malton Road. ZA Pierce suggested direct mail to residents residing on Wabash Street and placing an ad in the paper to receive public input.

Questions among Commissioners include what role the Planning Commission had in a road extension to Malton Road from Wabash Street; and the necessity to have a plan to present at a public hearing.

ZA Pierce will present a draft letter for the Planning Commission's review.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. Melo (Velodrome)

ZA Pierce discussed the handicapped slope issues and concrete extension in the alley for Velodrome and Melo; and he provided an update on discussions with the owner. It was his understanding the issues had been resolved with building codes.

2. UPPCO Easement at Rustic Campground

ZA Pierce expected the easement to be completed soon.

3. Future Re-zoning at SE Quad of Washington and Junction

Member Routhier advised this was being looked at for housing and it would be up to the developer to work with any land issues. ZA Pierce wanted to ensure soil could support any construction at that location. He further reviewed the problem with the ad that went out in error for the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing for this area.

4. Campground Signage on Malton Road

Member Getschow talked to the City Manager regarding signage on Malton Road for the Campground and to the downtown area. She said there would be directional signage to the campground; directional signage to the downtown; sign boards for activities at the campground; and highway signage.

I. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Informational: Lodge Coffee – There was no new information to date.

2. Melissa Olgren Letter – There was no new information to date.

J. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 p.m., a motion was made by Member Elliott, seconded by Member Kinnunen, and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Prepared by:



Cathy Smith, City Clerk
(was not in attendance at meeting)

Alan K. Pierce, Zoning Administrator