Ishpeming Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes for September 14, 2015 (**Agenda items** are in **bold** text)
7:00 P.M. @ Ishpeming Senior Center

A. Call to Order for the Ishpeming Planning Commission was by Chairperson Gabe Seelen at 7:08 P.M.

B. Roll Call – Present: Planning Commissioners Harry Weikel, Mike Tonkin, Gabe Seelen, Jim Bertucci. Lauren Luce arrived at 7:18 P.M.

Absent: Glen Lerlie, Angelo Bosio, Larry Bussone and Bruce Houghton.

Public present: Al Pierce, Zoning Administrator.

C. Public Comment –None received, closed at 7:09 P.M.

D. Approval of Agenda –The Agenda was approved unanimously as presented upon a motion by Jim Bertucci supported by Harry Weikel.

E. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Initially delayed as no quorum was present. Upon Lauren's arrival, the meeting minutes of August 03, 2015 were approved unanimously as presented with a motion by Jim Bertucci supported by Harry Weikel.

F. Presentations – none.

G. Public Hearings – none.

H. New Business
    1. Special Joint Meeting September 22, 2015 at 4:00 P.M. at ???? with City Council, DDA, and Planning Commission

        a. Presentation by Jen Tucker of MEDC on Redevelopment Ready Communities status
        b. Public Spaces and Community Spaces
        c. Priority Sites for Re-development
        d. Capital Improvement Plan

Al relayed the information that he knew about the Special Meeting and that it would be at the Senior Center. The purpose is to update all groups involved about the status of the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) initiative and other information that is required, but is as yet undeveloped. Public Spaces and Community Spaces is a community building initiative in traditional downtowns generally obtaining money through crowd funding. Priority Sites for Re-development is an RRC requirement and the proposed sites will be presented, new ones added and ranked by priorities, probably at subsequent meetings, by each group. A bus tour of sites will be conducted on that day tentatively at 2:30 P.M. The Capital Improvement Plan, also an RRC requirement, is set for the next few years but a longer timeframe must be provided. Gabe will be out of town that day. Jim, Lauren, and Mike plan on attending and Harry was uncertain as to his availability.

I. Old Business
    1. Zoning Ordinance Review Committee

Al discussed methods he was investigating to still use NAICS coding, but in a simplified fashion that would use a three digit general classification rather than the five digit specific use classification initially proposed. This concept is a work in progress on his part and the time too actually work on it is very limited. He noted the Review Committee has not been contacted as two members, Bruce Houghton and Glen Lerlie, were not present at the meeting when participating members were sought and expressed his concerns over potential precedence that this might establish. After discussion, he was encouraged to contact them for their availability. Upon

presentation to Commissioners for the potential of permitting Chickens as a Conditional Use in residential districts under specific limitations, there was interest expressed in reviewing the concept as part of Zoning Ordinance updates.

2. Status of Marquette County Resource Management Digital Zoning Map Review

Al has contacted the County Planning staff to obtain an updated draft map with street names. Unfortunately, the intern who worked on the map is longer with the County and the layers containing revisions previously made were unable to be located in the computer files. A new draft map in a digital format and paper print (which has subsequently been removed from his office) was furnished and the process will begin again.

J. Correspondence
1. Jesse Bell Agricultural Use

Commissioners reviewed the correspondence and information furnished to Jesse Bell by staff as being in accord with directives from the August meeting.

K. Meeting Adjournment was passed unanimously, upon a motion by Harry Weikel supported by Jim Bertucci, at 7:38 P.M.

By: _____

Alan K. Pierce, Zoning Administrator