

Ishpeming Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes for December 05, 2016 (**Agenda items** are in **bold text**)
7:00 P.M. @ Ishpeming City Hall

A. Call to Order for the Ishpeming Planning Commission was by Zoning Administrator Al Pierce at 7:01 P.M. No member present desired to assume the role of Acting Chairperson. In lieu of an Acting Chairperson, Al indicated that he would without perform the required duties to conduct the business of the meeting.

B. Roll Call

Present: Planning Commissioners Angelo Bosio, Mike Tonkin, Harry Weikel and Larry Bussone. Bruce Houghton arrived at 7:08 P.M. A quorum of appointed members was present at that time.

Absent: Jim Bertucci and Glen Lerlie. Two commissioner positions presently remain unfilled.

Public present: Gabe Seelen, Richard Smith, Mark Slown, and Al Pierce.

C. Public Comment – none.

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

E. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes of October 03, 2016 were approved unanimously as presented upon a motion by Mike Tonkin supported by Bruce Houghton.

F. Presentations – none.

G. Public Hearings – none.

H. New Business

1. CUPPAD - Richard Smith Zoning Ordinance Update 8 [Sec.'s 18 Mining (11-29-16), 29 Zoning Admin. (10/31/16), 30 ZBA (11/01/16), & 31 Enforcement (11/01/16),.]

Richard presented the last proposed revisions to the Zoning Ordinance - Sections 18, 29, 30, and 31. He stated that the Redevelopment Ready Community revisions were addressed at his last meeting and formatting of all the Zoning Ordinance for consistency would commence shortly. Section 18 Mining District changed dramatically due to the Zoning Enabling Act, P.A. 110 of 2006, and several Supreme Court cases. Unless you are able to prove “very serious consequences” would result from the implementation of any Zoning text, mining is no longer subject to almost any zoning actions, including reclamation. The majority of mining regulations are no longer in effect. As the City water supply no longer involves surface water, that portion will also be removed. Richard recommended that the City Attorney be involved in the review of this revised section. Section 29: Zoning Administrator was questioned regarding the duties and powers provided to this position. Richard responded that these were statutory powers detailed from the Zoning Enabling Act. Section 30 Zoning Board of Appeals has been amended to include Alternate Members to avoid conflicts of interest. Section 31 Enforcement authority was also questioned regarding violations and penalties with Richard responding that these were also statutory powers taken from the Zoning Enabling Act. Sections 32 Vested Rights and 34 (now 33) Public Notice had been updated previously and remained intact. Old Section 33 Rezoned Areas was removed. Future discussion may place this back in the Zoning Ordinance.

2. Ishpeming Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) Progress Report 11-28-2016

Mark provided a Progress Report Chart and background information that the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), thru the Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) program, will assist with funding in promoting the City in development efforts. In the past, some communities had poor practices and grant funding is driving changes. The Planning Commission establishes goals and amends the Zoning Ordinance to achieve MEDC certification and marketing assistance. Development priorities will be established jointly with the PC, DDA, and City Council input. Mark also indicated that Building Code issues (State & Local) can and have added to redevelopment difficulties.

I. Old Business

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

Al stated that he has put all his efforts into USDA water main easements as the main priority and has not worked on the Zoning Map review.

2. Zoning Ordinance Review Committee

Upon discussion, Sub-Committee Volunteers to work with Al will be Mike Tonkin, Bruce Houghton, Gabe Seelen and Harry Weikel. Meetings will be at the end of the day around 4:00 P.M.

J. Correspondence – none.

K. Meeting Adjournment was unanimous upon a motion by Angelo Bosio supported by Larry Bussone at 8:05 P.M.

By:



Alan K. Pierce, Zoning Administrator