

Ishpeming Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes for October 03, 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 current member 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 without offering his opinion in discussions or voting on any issues.

B. Roll Call

Present: Planning Commissioners Angelo Bosio, Jim Bertucci, Bruce Houghton, Mike Tonkin, and Larry Bussone. A quorum of appointed members was present.

Absent: Harry Weikel and Glen Lerlie. Lauren Luce resigned as a Planning Commissioner effective 10/03/2016 at 9:20 A.M.

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

C. Public Comment – Gabe Seelen addressed the Commissioners and the rationale for his resignation as a matter of City Policy. He indicated that he was sorry to have to leave the Commission and that he enjoyed participating and providing his vision to the City. Hopefully he'll be able to do that as a councilman in the future. Public Comments were closed at 7:06 P.M.

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

E. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes of September 12, 2016 were approved unanimously as presented upon a motion by Bruce Houghton supported by Angelo Bosio.

F. Presentations – none.

G. Public Hearings – none.

H. New Business

2. CUPPAD – Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) Recommendations (09/27/16)

Richard presented the proposed revisions to the Zoning Ordinance as reviewed by an MEDC staff member which resulted in the following recommendations. New definitions – Upper Floor Commercial Dwelling, Live / work unit (added to the NC, GC, and CBD Districts). Uses added included Brew Pubs (to the GC and CBD Districts) and Breweries (to the CBD District). Off-street parking regulations were proposed to be expanded upon and bicycle rack requirements were added. Parking Lots over 12 spaces will require a drainage system connected to the City's storm sewer. Additions to General Provisions include revised landscaping requirements and One Principal Use Per Lot additions. Revisions to Site Plan Review Procedures were also proposed.

Mark explained that one of the benefits of the Redevelopment Ready Community program is that the state will assist with funding in promoting the City in development efforts.

1. CUPPAD - Richard Smith Zoning Ordinance Update 7 [Sec.'s 21 (07/06/16), 23, 24 (07/22/16), & 25 (07/25/16).]

Richard covered proposed changes to SECTION 21 OFF STREET PARKING, SECTION 23 NON-CONFORMING USES AND STRUCTURES, SECTION 24 NON-CONFORMING LOTS, SECTION 25 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (including Sexually Oriented Businesses), and (basically formatting) SECTION 19 SCHEDULE OF GENERAL REGULATIONS.

3. Lake Bancroft Area Development Committee's Recommended Sites for the Pavilion and Veteran's Memorial

The Committee has been discussing the locations for the Pavilion as well as a Veterans Memorial in the Lake Bancroft Park area. The Pavilion will be constructed with the assistance of a grant from the Kennecott Eagles Mineral Company. The Veteran's Memorial is to be built and maintained by the VFW. The Memorial is to be an approximate 42' diameter circle and will recognize all, (WWI, WWII, Service Divisions, etc.) who participated in the defense of our country's freedom and the role that iron mining plays in our military heritage. The Committee has recommended that the Pavilion be located on the property donated by Kennecott Eagles Mineral Company and that the Veteran's Memorial be located at the flag pole location, pending design approval by the Park and Recreation Commission.

Upon discussion, a motion made by Bruce Houghton and supported by Larry Bussone, to approve the Lake Bancroft Area Development Committee's proposed sites, passed unanimously.

I. Old Business

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

Al provided a copy of an email response to the County's request for a completion timeline for the Zoning Map project indicating that he would be working on it in the latter half of October.

2. Zoning Ordinance Review Committee

No meeting scheduled

J. Correspondence -- none.

K. Meeting Adjournment was unanimous upon a motion by Mike Tonkin supported by Bruce Houghton at 8:15 P.M.

By: 
Alan K. Pierce, Zoning Administrator