

Ishpeming Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes for January 09, 2017 (**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 7:00 P.M. In lieu of an official Chairperson, Al indicated that he would without perform the required duties until the election of the new Chairperson.

B. Roll Call

Present: Planning Commissioners Jim Bertucci, Mike Tonkin, Harry Weikel, Larry Bussone, Bruce Houghton and Gabe Seelen.

Absent: Angelo Bosio.

Public present: Two Ishpeming High School students- Stephanie Conery and Kendra Anderson and Al Pierce, Zoning Administrator.

C. Public Comment – The two students introduced themselves and indicated that they were required to attend a public meeting as part of their curriculum. They were welcomed by Commissioners who explained the role of the Planning Commission as well as details of some of the hearings held and decisions made. Bruce provided some information on the Home Rule City Act and Planning Commission organization. Al gave them an extra copy of the meeting packet.

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

E. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes of December 05, 2016 were approved unanimously as presented upon a motion by Bruce Houghton supported by Larry Bussone.

F. Presentations – none.

G. Public Hearings – none.

H. New Business

1. Election of Chairperson

Al opened the nominations for Chairperson. Gabe Seelen was nominated. No other nominations were made. Upon a motion by Harry Weikel supported by Bruce Houghton, Gabe was unanimously elected as Chairperson and assumed control over the meeting and remainder of the agenda items.

2. Planning Commission Meeting dates for 2017

Upon a motion by Larry Bussone supported by Jim Bertucci and unanimously passed the following Mondays were adopted for 2017 Planning Commission Regular Meetings: Feb. 06, March 06, April 03, May 01, June 05, July 10, Aug. 07, Sept. 11, Oct. 02, Nov. 06, Dec. 04 and Jan. 08, 2018. It is understood that the July meeting will be discretionary dependent upon business/ hearings scheduled.

I. Old Business

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

Al reported that he has finished the review of the draft zoning maps (!!). All of the 26 map amendments annotated in the Zoning Ordinance have been reviewed and provided to the County and he has done his best to check that the digital map conforms to the current hand-patterned map. There are approximately 9 additional areas that need to be adjusted to match the current map. He stated the Neighborhood Commercial district has been especially difficult to check and reliance has been made on the Personal Property Cards as they indicate the current zoning district. Al stated that his intent was to exactly match the current zoning map in order that a Public Hearing would not be involved to switch from the old hand-patterned map to a colored digital map. Once the new map is adopted as being a faithful representation of the old map, any subsequent errors/ omissions discovered would go through the Legal Notice/ Public Hearing process. The adoption process and the difficulty in proofing was discussed. Larry Bussone volunteered to review the prior rezoned areas and map districting. Upon the County completing the digital map, Al will electronically furnish to Larry the zoning map in a PDF format along with the descriptions of the rezoned areas for review prior to the public adoption by the Planning Commission. The Commissioners concurred with the intent and the effort put into the switch to digital Zoning Maps. Al will deliver the map with corrections to the County this week.

2. Zoning Ordinance Review Committee

Upon discussion, it was decided that 4 members of the Committee would meet with Al on January 25 at 3 P.M. to begin the review process.

J. Correspondence – none.

K. Meeting Adjournment was unanimous upon a motion by Jim Bertucci supported by Bruce Houghton at 7:55 P.M.

By: _____
Alan K. Pierce, Zoning Administrator