

Ishpeming Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes for May 01, 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 Chairperson Gabe Seelen at 7:05 P.M.

B. Roll Call

Present: Planning Commissioners Diane Gauthier, Mike Tonkin, Harry Weikel, Angelo Bosio, Larry Bussone, Bruce Houghton and Gabe Seelen.

Absent: Jim Bertucci and Brooke Routhier.

Public present: Al Pierce, Zoning Administrator.

C. Public Comment – None – closed at 7:07 P.M.

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 February 06, 2017 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. Digital Proposed Zoning Map Review and Recommendation to City Council

Al indicated that the updated Zoning Map was provided in the packets on a ledger size sheet and had two updated full size copies at the meeting along with a copy of the current Zoning Map updated October 13, 2000. He indicated that he has reviewed the last set of corrections to bring the digital map into compliance with the current map including 23 Zoning Amendments. The Commissioners were asked if there were any other changes to be made upon their review and no areas were identified as requiring correction. Several comments were offered regarding the time required to complete this task. Al acknowledged that he was part of the reason for the lengthy process as his available time was limited due to other demands.

A motion by Gabe Seelen supported by Bruce Houghton that the Planning Commission recommend to the City Council to adopt the presented Zoning Map, as a careful and faithful replication of the hand patterned Zoning Map of the City of Ishpeming adopted February 08, 1984 depicting 10 Rezoned Areas up to August 04, 1999 now updated to include an additional 13 Rezoned Areas in a digital format dated April 21, 2017, passed unanimously.

2. DDA / Rainbow Bar Update

Included in the Commissioner's packet was a copy of ZCP 2017-01 depicting proposed improvements on the parcel to be conveyed by the DDA to Shelly's Rainbow Bar and a reserved eight foot (8') Municipal Easement for public access. Commissioner's questioned access to the patio area from the Rainbow Bar as it appeared that some access would come from the City sidewalk. Al could not answer the questions and will talk with Dave Thibeault and report back to the Commission next month.

3. Zoning Ordinance Revision Update

Al brought Commissioners up to date explaining that he is currently working on Section 16 – Central Business District. Converting the present Permitted and Conditional Uses to an understandable NAICS format is arduous but, in his opinion, the result will be worth it.

4. Malton Road

Gabe initiated the discussion stating that in years past Hematite Heights had been a focus of efforts for development for the Council, DDA, and Planning Commission. After Malton Road was constructed, it seemed to have fallen off the radar for the City, and the push for development moved into other quarters. Construction costs for water, storm and sanitary sewers may have been a contributing factor. Al stated that the area had been removed from the DDA district. Promotion concepts discussed included free or low cost lots and advertising for developers, among other ideas.

I. Old Business

1. Zoning Ordinance Sub-Committee Review

The next meeting with Mike Tonkin, Bruce Houghton, Harry Weikel and Gabe Seelen will be May 10, 2017 at 4:00 P.M. in City Council chambers.

J. Correspondence

1. Jasperlite Senior Housing Support Letters

Support letters were placed in the packet to relay the assistance offered to the Developer by staff and the Commission's actions. There was no indication of how their application fared during the proposal ranking process. Community support appeared to be strong.

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

By: _____
Alan K. Pierce, Zoning Administrator