

Keweenaw County Planning Commission

Draft Minutes Special Meeting

Master Plan Kickoff

June 16, 2025

Meeting called to order at 4:00 by Chair

Roll Call: John Parsons: present Bob Pokorski: present
 Steven Siira: present Harvey Desnick: present
 Bob DeMarois: present Don Simila: present
 Susan Hockings, Zoning Administrator: present

5 Member quorum is present; meeting was appropriately posted.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda: M/Pokorski S/Parsons to approve with the following agenda amendment:
Add Zoning Amendment Application Form. Motion carried.

Guests: Patrick Coleman, North of 45 LLC

New Business:

1. Zoning Amendment Application Form
M/Pokorski S/Simila to approve the Zoning Amendment Application form as amended (addition to the form stating Credit Card Payments carry an additional fee) for recommendation to the BOC. Motion carried

Master Plan Kickoff Workshop presentation by consultant Pat Coleman

1. Introductions
2. Scope of Work
3. Planning Commission Training What is Community Planning? Planning Commission - structure and duties Master Planning Basics
4. Master Plan Schedule
5. Identify: Stakeholders, Issues and Opportunities
6. Discuss Community Survey

Following discussion, the CLK Sportsman Club was recognized as a stakeholder which needed to be added. Parsons asked for member volunteers to form a MP Survey subcommittee. Pokorski and Desnick volunteered.

M/Parsons S/Siira to have a MP Survey subcommittee of Pokorski and Desnick. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Doug Dawson commented on the need for more oversight concerning short term rentals and the parties and events happening in conjunction with those rentals. Voiced his concerns that it decreases property values. Kathy McEvers commented that party/events problems do not occur when the STR has an owner present. Chuck Brumleve voiced his concerns about overdevelopment in the area. Specifically in Bete Gris and Lac la Belle.

Final Comments: Next regular meeting is June 30th 2025 @ 4:00.

M/Simila S/Pokorski to adjourn at 6:12pm