

Houghton County Planning Commission
Meeting minutes
Zoom virtual Meeting

Tuesday, December 15th, 2020 – 4:00 PM

- 1. Call to order and roll call. Present**-Chair Horst Schmidt, Allan Aho, Dianne St. Amour, Evan McDonald, Timothy Sears, Gretchen Jansen, Ron Kilpela
Absent - John Larson, Chris VanArsdale
- 2. Public Comments –**
 - **None**
- 3. Housekeeping business:**
 - a. Agenda** – Timothy Sears asked to add discussion about HCPC leadership be added
Motion made by Allan Aho. Second by Evan McDonald All approved
 - b. Meeting Minutes** – February tabled till next meeting
 - c. Correspondence** -2 letters—
 - 1 from Calumet township for Zoning amendment
 - 1 from Schoolcraft township for Zoning amendment
- 4. Old business:**
 - a. None**
- 5. New business:**
 - 1) Calumet Township Submitted a proposed amendment to section 3.10 of the calumet township zoning ordinance to permit marijuana. Timothy Sears questioned our role is discussing this. Horst Schmitt stated that section 307 state statute says we need to review and add our conclusion to this. Evan McDonald Stated we need to make sure that there are no conflicts with adjoining villages or townships. Horst Schmitt suggested that we make a motion that we have evaluated to the best of our ability and to approve the amendment. Dianne St. Amour made the motion and Evan McDonald second the motion. Additional discussion led to the withdrawal of the motion by Dianne St. Amour and a request be made to the commissioners to have legal counsel look to make sure we would not be violating federal Marijuana laws before we vote on this. Motion was tabled till January meeting.

2) Schoolcraft Township zoning amendment to their Recreation plan. The area in question is what has been affected by the gay stamp sands. All in info turned in was complete. Evan McDonald made a motion to approve and Allan Aho second the motion

3) New Leadership was discussed and the new officers being as follows

Chairperson – Dianne St. Amour

Vice Chairperson –Horst Schmitt

Secretary – Timothy Sears

Motion to accept was made by Gretchen Jansen and second by Ron Kilpela

All Approved

6. **Announcements:** None

7. **Next meeting:** 4:00 PM, Tuesday, January 19th, 2021 county courthouse.

8. **Public comment:** - none

9. **Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 PM by Timothy Sears and second by Ron Kilpela all approved**

10. **Adjournment:**