

Houghton County Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference room, Courthouse

Tuesday August 22<sup>th</sup>, 2023 4:00 PM

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Call to order at 4:05 Present: John Larson-chair, Timothy Sears – secretary, Ron Kilpela – Vice Chair, H. Schmidt, Ben Larson – county controller, Joel Keranen – county commissioner

Absent: Evan McDonald, Chris Van Arsdale, Diane St. Amour, Allan Aho - excused

2. Public Comments: None.
3. Agenda: No additions or changes. Motion by T Sears, second – R Kilpela. All approved.
4. Approval of Minutes of October 2022 – motion by H Schmidt, second by R Kilpela. All approved.
5. Correspondence: None
6. Old Business : None
7. Working Groups

-- Solid Waste and Recycling – H Schmidt: changing solid waste plan to material management plan. Efforts for multiple county or UP wide recycling coordination

-- Torch Lake PAC – H Schmidt – studies being initiated in September

--Public health -- Sears – nothing pertaining to Planning

-- Recreation and Tourism – Hancock to Lake Linden trail repair work to proceed

--Commissioner Meeting Recap – J Keranen – nothing new to report.

8. New Business – Houghton County Planning Commissioners member – website needs to be updated on current member terms, Diane St. Amour moved from the area and submitted her resignation and will be replaced. No response from Evan McDonald regarding willingness to continue on the HCPC and will be replaced. Ben Larson will submit a public notice for the two open HCPC to be filled. Motion made by T Sears and second by R Kilpela to post the two positions. All Approved.

- Election of HCPC officers – Motion by T Sears and second by H Schmidt to keeping the existing officers in place. J Larson chair, R Kilpela vice chair and T Sears secretary. All Approved.

- Meeting attendance Requirements – See bylaws

- Master Plan Update Time Table – B Larson will be sending out a PDF file of the 2018 Master Plan for all to review and update. Plan is for updates to be compiled in September with hopes to send out an updated Master Plan for public comment and review after the September meeting.

- Meeting Schedule for 2023 – Meetings set for September 19<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup>.

9. Next Meeting: September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023
10. Adjournment: Motion by H. Schmidt, second by R Kilpela. All approved. Adjourned at 4:50 PM

Respectfully submitted

Timothy T Sears -Secretary