

Houghton County Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

5th Floor Conference room, Courthouse

Thursday December 5th, 2024 4:00 PM

1. Call to Order at 4:00
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call: Present: Steve Aho-chair, Timothy Sears – secretary, Theresa for Chelsea Rheault - county controller, Joel Karanen – county commissioner, Mike Erickson, Allan Aho, Mark Larson, E. Kiilunen. J Larson . All present.
4. Agenda: Motion by A. Aho, second – by T Sears. All approved
5. Public Comments – none
6. Approval of minutes meeting August 20th, 2024 . Motion by A Aho, second by E. Kiilunen. All approved.
7. Correspondence –Notice of organizational meeting of the WUP MMPC. There are some county board members who are involved in this process according to Joel Karanen
8. Commissioners Reports. J. Karanen discussed that the company Green for Life has shown some interest in acquisition of the transfer station. No action has been taken as of yet. M Erickson discussed possible involvement of the planning commission and helping to facilitate improvements at the Lilly pond boat launch. Discussion regarding the role of county planning commission ensued. This would most likely have to originate from the township level.
9. Old Business
 - a. County Recreation plan – additional suturing completed and at this point motion was made by J Larson 2nd by am Erickson to approve recent admission of the plan
 - b. Marina project – some of the funding was subject to approval of the recreation plan and hopefully this will go forward.
 - c. New jail update. Meetings have occurred and a further update will be coming regarding this after the 1st of the year when more information is available.
10. New Business
 - a. New county administrator, planning commission protocol. We had a discussion regarding the role of the new administrator with regards to planning commission activities and that will be further ongoing discussion and meetings regarding this.
 - b. Renewal energy/CREO - we discussed the county planning position of no count he white sounding and would encourage individual township some in his abilities to take appropriate actions as they feel appropriate.
 1. Baraga county visit - members reported on the land clearing activities and spraying round up that appears to be ongoing in a fairly widespread multiple areas of Barren county. There has been reports of test when turbine activity but none of this was seen directly. The area of land was reported as being owned by Lyme great Lakes LLC. We will continue to monitor these activities as they may impact what happens in Houghton county in the future.

11. Public Comments: None
12. Next Meeting: February 18, 2025
13. Adjournment: Motion by J Larson, second A Aho. All Approved

Appreciation was expressed for A Aho years of service on the Houghton county planning commission.

Respectfully submitted: Timothy T Sears -Secretary