

Houghton County Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

5th Floor Conference room, Courthouse

Tuesday December 5th, 2023 4:00 PM

1. Call to Order at 4:00
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call: Present: John Larson-chair, Timothy Sears – secretary, Ben Larson – county controller, Joel Karanen – county commissioner, Allan Aho, Steve Aho, Mike Erickson
Absent: Ron Kilpela – Vice Chair, H. Schmidt
4. Public Comments: None.
5. Agenda: No additions or changes. Motion by T Sears, second – A Aho. All approved.
6. Approval of Minutes of October 2023 – All approved.
7. Correspondence: B Larson provided information about possible upcoming need for charging stations for electric ORV for consideration.
8. Old Business : None
9. Working Groups
Commissioners meeting review: J Karanen – Reported no applications for open planning commissioner seat (H. Schmidt). R Kilpela will consider resignation with his unavailability due to a new job

Planning commissioner reports:

Solid waste/recycling: Limited to one day per week presently

Torch Lake: nothing

Public Health: nothing pertaining to planning

Recreation and Tourism: M Erickson – discussion regarding Windfarms in light of new legislation signed. Motion made to include language in the updated Master Plan addressing opposition to by T Sears second by A Aho. All approved.

10. New business
Master Plan Review:
Recreation plan: Motion to approve the draft language of both plans with discussed additional language made by A Aho, second by M Erickson. All approved.
11. Public comments – none
12. Next meeting: Tentative Public Hearing for Master Plan and Recreation Plan update set for December 20th at 4:00 PM. If needed additional Planning Commission meeting either Jan. 4th or Jan. 8th. Next regular Planning Commission meeting January 16th.
13. Adjournment: Motion by M Erickson, second A Aho. All Approved

Respectfully submitted: Timothy T Sears -Secretary