

Munising Township Planning Commission
Minutes of Meeting
December 12, 2012

Members Present: Chair Joe Lindquist, Robynne Woodaz, Ken McPherson, Jolene Hetherington, Steve McPherson

Members Absent: Patty Willson

Others Present: Donna Gennick

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Joe Lindquist at 6:34 pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes Dated September 9, 2012: Ken McPherson moved and Jolene Hetherington seconded to approve the meeting minutes dated September 9, 2012, as presented. The motion passed.

Administrative Details: Joe Lindquist said that the Recreation Plan was approved by the Township Board, then it was sent to the DNR on December 6 for review. The Planning Commission has completed their part of the Recreation Plan. Michelle has left her position at CUPPAD, but Joe has talked to Peter VanSteen at CUPPAD.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Old Business: The cell phone tower has gone up, and the tower lights are on. Ken McPherson said he understands that a Florida construction company put the tower up, and AT&T is putting their transmitter on it, and they have a verbal agreement for Verizon to put their transmitter on it, too.

New Business: Ken McPherson said now that we have a Recreation Plan, we need to give some thought to developing an Energy Plan. The Forest Service and the Park Service have Energy Plans, but the City, the County, and the State do not. Ken feels that we need some alternative energy generation. Some places in the area have wind sheers, but only a few miles away you have a steady wind source. The wind is being tracked in Chatham. Ken would like to send a resolution to the Munising Township Board recommending that they begin working on an Energy Plan. Joe asked why we need a plan, can't we just incorporate it into the ordinance. Ken said that it could be. Joe said we need to find out how to research potential problems with alternative energy. Ken said that it is a job for CUPPAD. We will go to the Township with it first, then Joe will talk to Peter VanSteen about it.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 13, at 6:30 pm. Elections will be held at the March meeting.

Adjournment: Robynne Woodaz moved and Jolene Hetherington seconded to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.