

Keweenaw County Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting  
April 26, 2022

Keweenaw County Courthouse 4:00 PM

Roll Call:	John Parsons	Steve Siira
	Barry Koljonen	Dan Steck
	Jim LaMotte	Nancy DeForge
	Jim Vivian, Commissioner	Daniel Yoder
	Sara Heikkila, Zoning Administrator	

4 Member quorum is \_\_\_\_\_, meeting was appropriately posted.  
Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda

Approve minutes of the regular meeting on March 29, 2022.

**Public Hearing Special Land Use Request → East Bluff Campground**

Guests:

Public Comment Communications:

Open Public Hearing to receive public comment on the **proposed Special Land Use as a Campground** for parcel 42-306-01-100-500.

*Excerpts from the Zoning Ordinance below:*

**Campground:** A parcel or tract of land under the control of a person, which has established campsites for recreational units such as tents, camper trailers, travel trailers, recreational vehicles, motor homes, or temporary sleeping quarters of any kind. Campsites may be advertised to the public as available either free of charge or for a fee. A campground does not include a seasonal mobile home park, mobile home park, or manufactured housing community licensed under the Mobile Home Commission Act, P.A. 96 of 1987.

Applicant Comment:

Public Comment – Property Owners within 300 feet  
In Support –

In Opposition –

Written Comments Property Owners within 300 feet read from Chair

In Support – 1 letter was returned to the County indicating no opposition to the campground.

In Opposition –

No Response – 4 parties did not respond to the letter.

Public Comment from Interested or Affected Persons / Organizations

In Support –

In Opposition –

Written Comments from Interested or Affected Persons / Organizations

In Support –

In Opposition –

Questions through the Chairman:

Close Public Hearing

### **BASIS OF DETERMINATION**

The Planning Commission and the County Board of Commissioners, shall make a specific finding of compliance with each of the following standards:

1. The Special Land Use shall be designed, constructed, operated and maintained in a manner harmonious with the character of adjacent property and the surrounding area.
2. The Special Land Use shall not change the essential character of the surrounding area.
3. The Special Land Use shall not be detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of persons or property through the excessive production of traffic, noise, smoke, fumes, ground vibration, water runoff, odors, light, glare or other features of the proposed use.
4. The Special Land Use shall not place demands on public services and facilities in excess of current capacity unless planned Improvements have already been scheduled for completion.
5. The Special Land Use shall meet the Site Plan review requirements of Part IV of Article XVIII and in particular those of Section 18.8.3 and 18.25.

6. The Special Land Use shall meet the requirements of Section 10.12 specific to that use.

**10.12.4 Campgrounds and RV Parks:** Campgrounds and RV Parks are allowed by Special Use in AG, RR, and RS1, RS-2, and TR Districts when in conformance with the following requirements:

A. In RS-1 and RS-2, campgrounds shall be a minimum of 2 acres. In AG, RR, and TR campgrounds shall be a minimum of ten (10) acres. Developments shall comply with the provisions of Act 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, and also with the following:

1. Management headquarters, recreational facilities, toilets, showers, laundry facilities and other uses and structures customarily incidental to the operation of a travel trailer park are permitted as accessory uses in the districts in which trailer parks are allowed, provided that:

a. Such establishments and the parking area primarily related to their operations shall not occupy more than ten percent (10%) of the area of the park.

b. Such establishments shall present no visible evidence of their commercial character which would attract customers other than occupants of the park.

2. No space shall be so located that any part intended for occupancy is within one hundred (100) feet for a 10 acre campground, twenty (20) feet for a two acre campground of neighboring structures and is buffered for sound as provided in Section 15.4.

3. In addition to meeting the above requirements the site plan shall be subject to the review and approval of the Health Department.

4. Storage areas for unoccupied travel trailers, motor homes and similar units may be allowed as an accessory use in designated areas.

5. Lighting shall meet the requirements of Section 15.2 and signage shall meet the requirements of Article XVI.

7. The Special Land Use shall demonstrate compliance with all other related requirements of this Ordinance.

8. The Special Land Use shall conform with all applicable County, state, and federal requirements for that use.

9. The applicant is in substantial compliance with any previously issued Zoning Permits and is not otherwise disqualified from receiving a permit under Section 21.7 of this Ordinance.

#### **General Procedures and Findings at Public Hearing**

**1. Were the proper time limits followed as established in the Ordinance?**

a. Notification of Public Hearing Posted on Website April 7, 2022

b. Notification of Public Hearing in newspaper April 6, 2022

c. Property owners within 300 feet were notified by mail on March 31, 2022

d. Public Hearing held on April 26, 2022

2. **Keweenaw County Planning Commission Discussion:**

- a. Has the appropriate summary of information relevant been presented?
- b. Is a summary of all documentary evidence submitted into the record?
- c. What findings were applied with respect to the relevant review standards?

Motion

Approve / Deny the request for a Special Land Use Permit for a Campground

If approved, the following conditions are required to be satisfied prior to issuing a zoning permit:

Roll Call Vote: **Y** = Yay / **N** = Nay / **A** = Abstain

John Parsons, Chair  
Barry Koljonen, Vice-Chair  
Nancy DeForge  
Dan Yoder

Jim LaMotte  
Steve Siira  
Dan Steck  
Jim Vivian, Liaison for the Board of Commissioners

**Regular Planning Commission Meeting**

**New Business**

Ahmeek Adventure Mine Campground Expansion → Special Land Use permitting

**Unfinished Business**

5 Mile Point Road Yurt update – extension to remove platform granted, removal needs to be complete by May 1, 2022.

→ Zoning Administrator Report

Final Comments

Next Zoning Amendment Workshop Meeting May 16, 4-6 PM

Next Regular Meeting May 24, 4:00 PM  
Adjourn