

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
HOUGHTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
DECEMBER 7, 2015
Houghton Township Community Building

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Vivian called the special meeting to order at 1 p.m.

Trustee Treganowan led the Board and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Vivian, Clerk Jones, Treasurer Chase, Trustee Long and Trustee Treganowan.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS PRESENT: Tom and Elaine Hall , Jan Cole, Kathy McEvers, , Mike and Wanda Kolb, and Ann Gasperich

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Board discussion with Ann Gasperich, County Equalization Office, regarding possible changes to the Blueprint for Tomorrow document.

- + Ann distributed meeting notes and zoning maps
- + Goal of today's meeting is to consider zoning changes section by section for Houghton Township
- + There was majority consent to not change zoning to RS, from the cemetery to Phoenix, as was suggested at the last meeting.
- + Tom Hall asked about KBIC interest in Indian burial places along M-26. Ann knows of no interest – later in the meeting, she mentioned that the burial grounds have been desecrated with digging and therefore would be of no interest to the KBIC.
- + Shari pointed out that we are a small township with limited potential for development. The Sportsmen's Club owns 19 acres by Phoenix Farms.
- + Consensus – no charge to use the Eagle River Beach; use signage and designated fire pits to prevent abuse
- + There are options to prevent the Conservancy from buying too much land.
- + Suggestion to work with HEAT group and install LED street lights; our current low sodium lights are on a 3 year contract.
- + Ann noted all suggested changes to the sections of the zoning map, and at a future meeting, these will be looked at again.

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Carol Jones, Clerk
Houghton Township

-CERTIFICATION-

I, the undersigned, Carol Jones, the duly qualified and elected Clerk for the Township of Houghton, Keweenaw County, Michigan,

DO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the certain proceedings taken by the Township Board of said Township at a special board meeting held on the 7th of December, 2015

Carol Jones, Clerk
Houghton Township