

## Adams Township Planning Committee

**ATPC meeting was called to order at on Dec 1st, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance done**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Martha Dugdale- ATPC Chairperson  
Terry Parolini - ATPC Secretary  
Paul Eister - Member

**Absent:**  
Dan Coponen- Member  
Sherry Kinnunen- Member

**Approval of the Minutes:**

No corrections to last meeting minutes.

**No Old Business to discuss.**

Martha asked Paul if he was able to get the previous Planning Committee By Laws from Township Supervisor Gerry Heikkinen. Paul stated he was unable to get in touch with Gerry.

Martha stated that it is necessary to get public input. We will look at getting those put together and out to the community. Martha brought up WUPPDR (Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region) she said they may have a template of surveys that have been used in similar communities. WUPPDR is located in the old DNR building in Hancock. They also may be willing to attend one of our meetings and aid us in moving in the right direction.

**New Business:**

Martha brought up KEDA (Keweenaw Economic Development). She said they have a Municipal League Planning Handbook. Will be reaching out to KEDA as a resource.

We talked about a few of the items in the “Old Plan”, such as. It was discussed that there were limitations on structure height of 35’, and 100’ on personal wind turbines.

Paul brought up an Industrial Park area being developed.

Adams Township did pass a Solar Panel ordinance in February 2021.

Covid monies that the Township received, what it can be used for and when and if there is a deadline to use the monies.

Will reach out to Township Trustee Deb Pindral the minutes of the 2021 meeting where the Planning Committee was reinstated.

Will work on a 5-year plan with intent to extend out to 10-20-year plan.

Need to know how and who we contact for financing, mailings of surveys, purchase of literature items necessary to work on the Planning.

Martha suggested that we ask Adams Township to write on History within the Township, naming Historical sites. It was discussed we reach out to the gentleman who took the containers of Historical items from the Township for review and to be placed on discs.

Ask Kevin Mackey (Township Attorney) if he can make copies of Zoning information he has looked into.

### **Public Comments:**

Jennifer Sleeman was the only public guest. Jennifer sure that when the surveys are sent out the public knows it is just a survey and not a “vote”. Jennifer went on to state that she would like stated that “We are trying to protect Adams, not change it”.

A motion was made by Paul to adjourn, seconded by Terry. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.

## Adams Township Planning Committee

**ATPC meeting was called to order at on Dec 15th, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance done**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Martha Dugdale- ATPC Chairperson

Terry Parolini - ATPC Secretary

Paul Eister - Member

Sherry Kinniunen-Member

Dan Coponen- Member

**Special Guests:** Kevin Mackey- Attorney for Adams Township

Gerald Heikkinen- Adams Township Supervisor

**Approval of the Minutes:** No corrections to last meeting minutes.

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Paul made a motion to approve last meetings minutes, second by Sherry, all approved.

**No Old Business to discuss:**

**New Business:**

Attorney Kevin Mackey introduced himself to the board along with a brief background of his experience. Kevin asked the board to Re-adopt Houghton's Master Plan which is/was the Ordinance/Zoning Plan the previous Adams Township Committee had started around 2009-2010.

Gerald Heikkinen said he would reach out to Chris Holmes from UP Engineers to see if he could get better copies of the Zoned map of Adams. He asked Kevin to

look into Ordinance as there were record of the “Land Use Maps” but the Ordinances were not fully implemented to complete the process. He would like to finalize the Ordinance.

Kevin said it is Public Hearing #5 Ordinance.

Dan said when he was on the previous Ordinance Committee in 2009-2010 they were trying to adopt Calumet’s Zoning, the Adams Public did not want that, it was too restrictive.

Kevin said he took out a lot of the restrictive jargon, he slimmed it down and made it more precise. He said that the goal is to make the zoning match with the Adam’s Township map and can include the Commercial enforcement by resolution.

Gerry said he would like to get this completed as it has been an ongoing concern for 10-12yrs. The ATB meets on January 10<sup>th</sup>, ATPC will hold their first 2022 meeting on Wed Jan 5<sup>th</sup>. The Ordinance needs to be published 15 days before the public hearing then it will go before the ATB for approval.

Terry asked if there is a budget for the ATPC, Gerry said let the board know what we need and they will get it for us. He gave permission to purchase books from the MTA site.

Kevin gave Martha Dugdale his copy in the meantime, 2020 edition.

Kevin stated once the planning ordinance is in place it replaces the Police Ordinances.

Paul asked that the ATPC have a meeting on Monday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to go over the proposed Ordinance.

Paul made a motion to reaffirm the Houghton County Master Plan for Adams Township, Seconded by Dan. All Yea’s.

Terry made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul, meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

## Adams Township Planning Committee

**ATPC Special meeting was called to order at on Dec 20th, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance done**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Martha Dugdale- ATPC Chairperson

Terry Parolini - ATPC Secretary

Paul Eister - Member

Dan Coponen- Member

Sherry Kinnunen- Member

**Special Guest:** Kevin Mackey-Adams Township Attorney

Paul made a motion to accept minutes from Dec 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, Seconded by Sherry.

Paul opened the meeting with an announcement that Circle Power/Scotia wind Power sent a map to the Township of proposed Wind Turbine sites. Map can be found on [Scotiawindfarm.com](http://Scotiawindfarm.com).

Kevin brought up that Adams can follow the Houghton County Master Plan (HCMP) and we would not be changing anything if that is what we decide. He also stated that should we accept the HCMP it would cover us for 5 years.

Sherry made a motion to accept the HCMP, Seconded by Terry: 5 yes- 0 No

Went over the proposed Ordinances presented by Kevin Mackey at previous meeting and to discuss any changes. Discussed how we can expand areas, specifically Commercial which is the smallest area to promote future growth.

Paul made a motion to accept the Adams Township Ordinances, Seconded by Dan: 5 Yes- 0 No

Kevin made a suggestion that the ATPC request a budget from Adams Township Supervisor (ATS) Gerald Heikkinen so that we can plan and purchase necessary items in to get things organized and keep moving in a positive direction.

Reviewed the ATPC By-Laws, a change to the title of the group will now be known as the Adams Township Planning Commission and no longer Committee.

Sherry made a motion to accept the By Laws, Seconded by Martha: 5 yes-0 No

Kevin brought up the "Zoning Administrator". Is it ATS Heikkinen? Will determine by next meeting.

It was determined that a public hearing /meeting will be held 15 days after publication of the proposals. Possible date discussed was Jan 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM if published in paper in time. Followed by a Special Board meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> .

Martha will run the Public Meeting. Guidelines that will apply: There will be a sign in sheet for the Residents of Adams Township which will allow them an opportunity to address the Commission/Board for 3-5 minutes. The goal of the Adams Township Planning Commission is to stay on track, be transparent and continue to move forward in a positive direction.

Paul made a motion to adjourn, Seconded by Terry: 5 yes- 0 No

Meeting Adjourned at 7:02 PM.

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