

MINING IMPACT COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 30, 2012

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Leslie Kolesar at 4:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call taken, Present: Kolesar, Traczyk, Koski, Walesewicz, Klein and Youngs. Absent: None. Also present: Tom Bergman, Iron County Zoning Administrator.

Motion by Klein, seconded by Youngs to approve minutes of October 01, 2012 as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

Koski reported that Dan Jordan suggested that because of the weather in November in Northern Minnesota the tour should be postponed until next spring. Dan Jordan suggested that we drive up early some morning and spend the afternoon touring and then continue the following day.

Tom Bergman, Iron County Zoning Administrator gave an overview of what is currently on the books for Zoning Ordinances for mining in Iron County. Non-metallic mining (gravel pits) is addressed in our comprehensive planning but metallic mining has nothing included. Comprehensive plan is set up to update as needed in the future. Tom told committee that Oneida County has a metallic mining ordinance on the books but might not be a good fit for Iron County. Tom thought an impact analysis would be the first step in creating an ordinance that would work for Iron County.

Discussion took place on next meeting date set for December 11, 2012. Jason Laumann, NWRPC will have a proposal ready to present to committee on fees for an impact analysis and will be available that day. Kolesar told committee that Al Christianson, former City Manager of Ladysmith when the Flambeau Mine was in operation will be willing to travel to Hurley to meet with the committee on that day, weather permitting to discuss local agreement that was used between Rusk County, the Town of Grant and the City of Ladysmith with Kennecott Explorations LTD.

Kolesar told committee that Ann Kokely, Wisconsin DNR would be willing to address committee on mining issues on January 03, 2013 at 4:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Schurtter, Montreal told committee that there is open pit mining going on right now on former mining company land in the City of Montreal.

Tracy Benzel, Mercer told committee that Bill Scott, attorney is doing mining ordinance work for Taylor County and that Taylor County's liability carrier is paying the bill for his work. Clerk will check with Taylor County to see if this is true.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Motion by Walesewicz, seconded by Klein to adjourn at 4:40 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Michael Saari
Iron County Clerk