

Adams Township Planning Commission

Feb 19, 2025 ATPC meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance done:

Roll Call:

Chairperson: Martha Dugdale Present

Secretary: Terry Parolini Present

Member: Paul Eister Present

Member: Sherry Kinnunen Present

Member: Dan Copanen Present

A motion was made by Sherri to accept Dec 4th, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Paul. All Ayes.

Old Business:

Paul said the Ice Rink is up and running. Hours are as follows. (weather permitting)

Open Skating: Monday thru Friday 5pm to 8pm. Saturday 12pm to 5pm. There is unorganized hockey that takes place after open skating on Tuesday and Thursday. The Adams Township Board is looking at hiring a Rink Attendant for next skating season. This year the rink has been run by volunteers. Paul said the roof needs work over the heated area of the rink and backing on the East side of the building due to snow melt. There are also a few leaks over the rink area. Paul said the boards are in decent shape, we may look into a "donation" idea to purchase new ones.

New Business:

Terry informed the board that she and Martha just attended another Grant Writing Session put on by the Keweenaw Foundation. A lot of good information and networking was accomplished. Martha talked with someone at the session who has done DNR grant writing. Another grant writer has done handicap grants and worked on Swedetown recreational area.

Martha said that Houghton County has passed a New Master Plan before the end of 2024. Martha said she is going to reach out to them to inform them that Adams Township has zoning, apparently Houghton County Board stated that it was not zoned. She told us that the Houghton County Board talked about keeping the area as is and that included monitoring green energy projects. Martha talked to AT tax assessor, Luann Hayrynen said that AT tax base has grown because of new business such as the U-Haul in Atlantic Mine.

Martha reached out to Tony Arens about building a shading structure and fence for the Atlantic Mine playground. Unfortunately they have been playing phone tag. We talked about having a sub-committee strictly for recreation projects and also a recreational fund. Terry said that the Adams Township board should set a budget for the ATPC so that we can commit to specific projects.

The next ATPC meeting will be on May14th,2025 at 6pm at the Baltic hall.

Paul made a motion to adjourn, Terry seconded, all ayes no nays. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

Minutes prepared and submitted by ATPC Secretary : Therese (Terry) Parolini