

Eastern Upper Peninsula Citizen Advisory Council (EUPCAC)
Meeting Minutes – APPROVED 8/21/25
Monday, June 16, 2025
6:00-8:30pm Eastern
LSSU-Cisler Center, East Superior Ballroom, Sault Ste. Marie

Council Members Present

Ken Collier	John Kurkowski	Dick Pershinske
Steve Dey, Secretary	Mark Maida	Mark Spencer
Gary Gorniak, Vice Chair	Glenn Moll	Les Therrian
Tim Hass	Tom Paquin	Julie Weist
Bernie Hubbard	Dennis Patchakos	Tony Wright

Council Members Excused/Absent

Jeff Cox	Robert Liebermann
Grant Dewitt	Joe Smith

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Staff & Guests

Eric Cowing, Parks & Recreation Division, Newberry
Kristi Dahlstrom, UPCAC Assistant, Executive Division, Marquette
Stacy Haughey, UP Field Deputy, Executive Division, Marquette
Cory Kovacs, Fisheries Division, Newberry
Dave Lemmien, Wildlife Division, Sault Ste. Marie
Dr. Tyler Petroelje, Wildlife Division, Marquette
Karen Sexton, Wildlife Division, Escanaba
Sgt. Calvin Smith, Law Enforcement Division, Newberry

Welcome & Call to Order

At 6:00pm Eastern, **Vice Chair Gary Gorniak** called the meeting to order. He welcomed members of the public as well as DNR staff and fellow Council members. **Ms. Dahlstrom** confirmed a quorum for the purpose of conducting Council business.

Introductions of New Members

Vice Chair Gorniak, Ms. Haughey and the Council welcomed one new member, **Les Therrian** (Chippewa County). **Mr. Therrian** introduced himself and provided a brief background of his interests. He replaced a new member who could not fulfill his role due to personal reasons.

Ms. Haughey noted that Council member and chair Tom Buckingham has stepped down from the Council, as he will soon be enjoying retirement from his professional career in the insurance industry. Mr. Buckingham has served the Council since February 2009, acting as Secretary from 2008-2013 and as Chair from 2019 to 2025. He has always been considered an inaugural member of the EUPCAC, having been appointed to replace a member one month after the EUPCAC began. He also served on a variety of Council committees pertaining to wildlife matters. He represented the Council well at Natural Resource Commission meetings as well as on several DNR advisory committees throughout the years. **Ms. Haughey** relayed her respect and appreciation for his service to the Council and for being a committed advocate for the wildlife community, being a collaborative partner, and having a strong investment in the state's natural resources. She added that an election to fill the chair role will be held at the August meeting.

Introductions of All Meeting Attendees

All public attendees, DNR staff and council members introduced themselves at the request of **Vice Chair Gorniak**.

Adoption of Agenda

Vice Chair Gorniak asked the Council if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda; none were brought forth. **Mr. Maida motioned to adopt the agenda as presented; Mr. Spencer supported the motion. After no discussion, Vice Chair Gorniak called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Gorniak asked if there were any changes to the April 15, 2025, meeting minutes which were distributed to the Council via email previously for review. **Mr. Collier motioned to accept the minutes as submitted; Mr. Wright supported the motion. After no discussion, Vice Chair Gorniak called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Reports from DNR Division Staff

Written staff reports were provided to Council members on June 9, 2025. The following brief updates were added.

1. *Stacy Haughey, UP Field Deputy*

- Impacts of the ice storm damage will be felt for years to come. A flyer in the packet noting key points was highlighted.
- A meeting regarding the closure of the H-58 snowmobile trail being held by the road commission in Alger County this evening prevented Mr. Costa from attending and personally presenting his trail update in person. Slides have been provided and will be reviewed later on in the agenda.

2. *Cory Kovacs, Fisheries Division*

- **Vice Chair Gorniak** asked about the expectations of planting fry in lakes, such as Teal Lake in Marquette County, as he feels there is little benefit due to its microscopic size. He also feels the numbers of fry planted in lakes are misleading in nature to those who don't understand what fry is. **Mr. Kovacs** stated the objective is to supplement lakes in years of poor recruitment. Fry is inexpensive compared to fingerlings and there is strength in numbers for survival.
- **Mr. Pershinske** stated he spent some time with commercial fishermen in the Naubinway area and they are reporting low whitefish numbers. Some fishermen are traveling long distances to areas with increase their catch. **Mr. Kovacs** stated the low whitefish population is occurring naturally, and not due to overfishing. Several agencies, such as USGS, DNR, and tribal entities, are looking at adaptative management to recover that population. Zebra mussels are also having an impact.
- **Vice Chair Gorniak** indicated cormorants are having a devastating impact on the fisheries and could potentially suppress stocking efforts. He stated the numbers of cormorants now are at the same level as they were in 2002 before control started. **Mr. Kovacs** agreed and stated he appreciates **Vice Chair Gorniak** being a strong advocate for the federal funding that is needed for proper control, noting the DNR is doing what they can to manage cormorant populations under the circumstances. Big Manistique Lake and Brevort Lake, two known problem areas for cormorants, were targeted for control this year.

3. *Sgt. Calvin Smith, Law Enforcement Division*

- Lt. Skip Hagy retired from the DNR Law Enforcement Division on May 31 having served in law enforcement for 41 years. He will be greatly missed.
- The conservation officer training academy is in week 24. Three recruits from this academy will be assigned to the Eastern UP and should be in the field in December.

4. *Eric Cowing, Parks & Recreation Division*

- **Secretary Dey** stated the updated parking lot at Brevort Lake is working well and looking great. **Mr. Cowing** thanked him and stated he will pass the compliment on to staff.

5. ***Karen Sexton, Wildlife Division***

- **Mr. Pershinske** asked about the reported 21% increase in UP deer harvest and the reasons behind it, noting the discrepancy between the harvest increase and the perceived deer population decline. **Vice Chair Gorniak** noted a thorough presentation on deer harvest statistics was given at the recent NRC meeting. **Mr. Lemmien** stated the main driving force for the increase was mild winter conditions over the past two years, which benefited deer survival. Two years ago, the winter severity index had one day reported with snow cover greater than 12 inches. This helped the deer herd tremendously, which provided a greater opportunity to harvest a deer.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

Vice Chair Gorniak opened the floor for public comments on agenda items only; none were brought forward.

Old Business

1. Wolf Management Update (Haughey)

- This has been a standing agenda item for several years at the request of the Council.
- **Ms. Haughey** noted she has received feedback from a few Council members who feel it no longer needs to remain on the agenda.
- **Vice Chair Gorniak** opened the floor for Council discussion on the matter.
- **Mr. Wright** agreed, stating it doesn't need to be on the agenda unless there are changes. Others also agreed.
- **Secretary Dey** stated the Council is the voice for the public on matters like this and feels it needs to remain as a standing agenda item so information can be shared back to his group and others.
- **Vice Chair Gorniak** emphasized the importance of addressing the continual decline in deer population, which most sportspersons feel is caused by wolf predation whereas the DNR feels it more from habitat, weather and winter kill. He'd like to keep this issue front and center as a result.
- **Mr. Paquin** indicated he could agree to have the topic remain as a standing agenda item as it is a big issue for hunters. However, discussion should be limited to actual updates to the delisting or with the wolf management process. Some members do not enjoy listening to repeated lengthy debates at every meeting that take up time from other topics.
- **Mr. Patchakos** stated it is a hot issue in his circles and should remain.
- **Mr. Maida** stated wolves are affecting the entire eco structure, including bears, rabbits, pine martens and others.
- **Mr. Pershinske** stated he has spent more time than most on the topic, having been involved with both wolf advisory councils, and feels it needs to remain on the agenda.
- **Mr. Kurkowski** stated updates should be quick and to the point.
- **Vice Chair Gorniak** noted the DNR Director stated once wolves are delisted, it would take 9 months to have a hunt. **Ms. Haughey** clarified the process could take 10 months, which is what the Director stated at the UPSA meeting that she also attended. There are factors in the timeline shared at the last EUPCAC meeting that could take longer.
- **Vice Chair Gorniak** asked for a vote on whether to keep the topic as a standing agenda item or remove it. **Mr. Pershinske motioned to keep the topic as a standing agenda item; Secretary Dey supported the motion. After no further discussion, Vice Chair Gorniak called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed by majority with 11 in favor, 4 oppose.**

2. Follow-Up from April Meeting

- Update: Results of Deceased Collared Cow Moose & Report Schedule (Gorniak). In response to **Vice Chair Gorniak's** inquiry at the April meeting regarding the necropsy results from the deceased moose, **Dr. Tyler Petroelje** shared a moose project update including necropsy findings along with the trail camera survey topic under New Business (see page 4). **Ms. Sexton** shared the reporting schedule for the moose

project that she obtained from Dr. Petroelje earlier: annual reports will be available on September 30 in 2025, 2026 and 2027, with the final report due September 30, 2028.

3. Responses to April Resolutions (Haughey)

- *Resolution #1: Support of Ongoing Moose Research Efforts:* The Council reviewed the DNRs response to this resolution dated June 11. The Wildlife Division thanked the UPCACs for their continued support of the research project and noted updates will be provided to the UPCACs as they become available.
- *Resolution #2: Recommend the Development of a Framework for a Regulated Wolf Hunting & Trapping Season Across the UP & Allocation of Resources for Ongoing Management Program:* The Council reviewed the DNRs response to this resolution dated June 11. The Wildlife Division reiterated the outline of 11 steps needed for a wolf hunting/trapping season that were shared with the NRC in 2023 and were also shared with the UPCACs at their April and May 2025 meetings. The response stated the DNR will not begin development of a framework for a wolf hunting or trapping season unless asked to by the NRC after a federal delisting (step 1). The response also indicated which entity (NRC or DNR) had charge over each step along with the current status.
 - **Vice Chair Gorniak** opened the floor for Council questions.
 - **Mr. Spencer** stated the NRC presentation 2023 indicated it would take 23 months after a delisting to have a hunt. **Ms. Haughey** stated of the 11 steps, the DNR is involved with 8 of them and the remaining 3 involve another entity which the DNR does not have control over. Discussion ensued regarding Wisconsin's procedure and timeline, which is legislatively mandated.
 - **Mr. Pershinske** suggested further comments be tabled until the next meeting to allow Council members more time to review the response. The Council agreed.

New Business

1. Brief Update on the Moose Project & Wolf Abundance Trail Camera Survey (Petroelje)

- **Dr. Petroelje** provided an update on the moose project, mortality results as well as an update on the wolf abundance trail camera survey and the status of camera data review.
- *Calf Production:*
 - Positive pregnancy tests for 9 of the 10 collared female moose.
 - 7 of the 9 confirmed parturient as of June 13.
 - 4 cows gave birth to singletons, 3 had twins.
 - Median birth date May 17 (May 10-June 6).
 - 2 cows have yet to show birthing activity.
 - Drone coverage of a cow and singleton and a cow with nursing twins was shown. Birthing rates on collared moose are approaching 50%. An additional 40 moose will be collared next year with 25 of them being cows, which will provide a better understanding of birthing rates.
- *Survival Monitoring:*
 - Monthly drone flights for newborn calves. 9 of 10 newborn calves alive.
 - Daily updates on movements and survival of yearling and adult collared moose. 3 of 5 yearling moose (calves collared this winter) alive. 10 of 10 adult female moose alive. 5 of 5 adult male moose alive.
 - One cow migrated over 50 miles from the Michigamme area (winter range) to the Keweenaw (summer range) and took 2 of her calves with her.
- *Neonate Moose Mortalities:*
 - GPS data demonstrated fast movement from birth site, necessitating investigation. Staff were able to get to the location quickly with a drone to assess in a non-invasive manner.
 - Black bear predation on singleton moose calf at birth site (peeling of hide, lack of fully disarticulated skeleton, leg bones intact, ribs not consumed).

- *GPS Collared Moose Mortalities:*
 - GPS collared female calf (~10 month old): March 15; head trauma; hemorrhaging on left mandible, sinuses, and brain; 1” irregular fracture on right nasal bone, femur fat content 64.2%. Determined to not be near any roads which ruled out a vehicle collision. Most consistent with a large trauma event such as a fall or encounter with another cow.
 - GPS collared male calf (~11 month old): April 12, wolf predation, female GPS collared wolf, evidence of multiple wolves at predation site (able to pin a collared female wolf in same area), confirmed hemorrhaging on neck, femur fat content 63.7%. Starvation not a factor in either case due to fat content.
- *Wolf Abundance Trail Camera Project:*
 - Cameras by the Numbers: Now over 1,300 cameras deployed (which will provide confidence in estimating wolf populations due to the high number of cameras per wolf home range); 1,211 usable/working cameras; 1,748,713 images; 462,391 sampling days; average of 1,434 images/camera. Statistics cited are after all photos of people or vehicles were removed.
 - The project will compare winter camera estimates with the minimum track survey count, providing valuable data on wolf population dynamics.
 - Wildlife by the Numbers: 1,475,217 wildlife images; images of people and vehicles filtered out from review; preliminary sorting using Wildlife Insights artificial intelligence; actively reviewing photos with human observer to confirm species ID; first population estimate will follow completion of human photo review.
 - Staff are working hard to identify coyotes vs. wolves as AI detection cannot sometimes distinguish between the two creating a separate category. White-tailed deer photos were the most common, with coyote photos second. Grey wolves, wild turkey and dogs were additional categories. The project can provide good estimates of occupancy and relative abundance but not absolute population numbers for all species.
 - Days with Detections of White-Tailed Deer at Camera Sites: A map showing the progression of days of deer detection at camera sites throughout the UP during the months of November through June was shown. Days of deer detection at camera sites in November were at 80% versus a low of 36% in February and high of 86% in June. These figures were AI-generated and not human verified.
- *Questions:*
 - **Mr. Wright** asked if synchronicities of birth and pups can be determined with the collection of photos on wolves. **Dr. Petroelje** stated they are able to see pup production for the first time, which occurs in late June and July. This will allow an estimation of population at different times of year.
 - **Mr. Pershinske** asked if information on movement of a particular wolf pack from different points can be determined. **Dr. Petroelje** stated population density for specific areas can be determined.
 - **Mr. Maida** asked if DNA samples were taken during moose collaring and if interaction between moose in a variety of areas can be determined. **Dr. Petroelje** stated blood samples were taken which does help staff to look at population of origin since there are good blood samples from moose that were transported from Ontario. Data is lacking from moose in east UP locations. Dispersal rate from the moose core range will be available.
 - **Vice Chair Gorniak** asked how many wolves are currently collared. **Dr. Petroelje** stated there are only 7 collared wolves with active collars. He noted the DNR is still in its wolf collaring season until July 7, with an additional 15 wolves collared so far. Collars will last 2-3 years before experiencing battery failure. **Vice Chair Gorniak** indicated it was said there were 5 million image on cameras, but the stats reported indicate only 1.7 million. **Dr. Petroelje** explained the pre-filtering process that removes cars, people, and empty images from camera data, saving time in sorting through photos. The goal is to get a first look at wolf abundance from this survey. He discussed the limitations of using camera data to estimate animal populations, emphasizing the need for careful interpretation due to spatial scale differences.

- **Mr. Pershinske** asked if the camera data will be coordinated with depredation surveys. **Dr. Petroelje** stated they are not.
- **Mr. Wright** inquired about the predation patterns of radio-collared wolves. **Dr. Petroelje** explained that wolf predation often occurs through coursing rather than ambush. Wolves encounter prey while traveling long distances, often running along roadways or habitat edges.
- **Vice Chair Gorniak** and the Council thanked **Dr. Petroelje** for providing this very informative update.

2. State Park & Boat Launch Summer Season Outlook (Cowing)

- An update on state park projects in the Eastern UP, some of which were funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (APRA), was provided including shoreline restoration and ADA improvements.
- *Forest Lake State Forest Campground and Boat Launch*: Closed June 9 due to the foreclosure of the hydroelectric company's property on which the campground was located. The DNR's historical agreement and the challenges of operating the campground without permanent access to the property was explained. The foreclosed property has a buyer who is not interested in operating the campground. Media and public inquiries have been steady.
- *Fayette Historic State Park*: South casting house wall repairs, town hall/opera house structural improvements, visitor center parking lot, access and restroom, septic field replacements.
- *Indian Lake State Park*: Replaced campground restroom, upgraded septic and sewage lagoon, phase 2 shoreline restoration.
- *Muskallonge Lake State Park*: Replaced west campground restroom, paving of campground road system, replaced stairway to access Lake Superior.
- *Tahquamenon Falls State Park*: Lower falls Hemlock Campground restroom replaced, replaced Upper Falls Brink Overlook, replaced electrical in Lower Falls Portage Campground, Lower Falls water distribution, well and water distribution in Hemlock Campground. A video was shared showing the challenges of boardwalk construction (digging of 400 holes for footings) in winter months through difficult terrain. **Mr. Hass** mentioned his involvement in the removal of trees on the North Country Trail in that area due to significant erosion and bank destruction. He highlighted the need for trail relocation to ensure safety for hikers.
- *Brimley State Park*: Replaced the underground main electric and transformers, replaced storm water and sanitary lines, daylighting stream in day use area.
- DeTour State Harbor: Significant electrical upgrades have been completed. Power will be available after inspections are completed.
- *Lime Island Recreational Area*: Cultural resources inventory and solar array upgrades.
- *Father Marquette National Memorial (Great Turtle Island)*: A \$4 million grant from a foundation was received to construct a new learning commons. Involves several partners including tribal entities. Breaking ground occurred a month ago and will be in construction until the middle of next summer.
- *Recreation Passport Monthly Revenue*: An 8% increase in revenue through March 2025. The resident recreation passport did not increase this year, non-resident passports increased to \$40.
- *Recreation Nights and Reservations*: Up 3% from last year through March 2025.
- *Memorial Day Occupancy*: Projections based on reservations, 98% this year compared to 91% last year.
- It was noted that camp nights may be down because of campgrounds that are under construction.

3. Eastern UP Trails Summer Season Outlook (Costa)

- **Mr. Costa** was unable to attend due to another meeting in Alger County regarding the closure of the H-58 snowmobile trail. However, slides were provided and briefly reviewed by **Ms. Haughey**.
- *PRD Trails Section-UP*: Staff contacts for the Parks and Recreation Division's Trails Program was shown.
- *Eastern UP (EUP) Trail Mileage by County*: Total miles of various types of trails in eastern UP counties (Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Luce, Mackinac and Schoolcraft) equals 3,230 miles. Types of trails include snowmobile, ORV, ATV, motorcycle, ski, equestrian, biking, hiking and rail trail.

- ORV Routes & Trails in the EUP: A map of 845 miles of ORV routes and trails in the eastern UP was shown. There is growth in the sport shown by yearly increases in trail permits sold. The goal is to expand to accommodate that growth.
- *ORV License Sales*: A chart showing permit sales indicated 64,299 ORV licenses sold (16.9% increase) and 47,242 trail permits sold (5.6% increase) through March 2025.
- *Proposed New Routes*: A map of proposed ORV routes in Hulbert, Trout Lake and Rudyard in Chippewa County was shown.
- *Bridges Needed*: Bridge replacements involve a significant cost and funding needs to be secured before they can be replaced.
- *Beaver Issues*: Multiple locations of beaver floodings impact trails. 49 beaver were removed last year in the EUP at 31 different locations.
- *Clubs in the EUP*: There are 13 snowmobile clubs, 8 ORV clubs, 1 motorcycle club, 1 equestrian club and multiple local hiking, skiing and biking clubs. These clubs are the heartbeat of the trails program with most of them being volunteers.
- It was noted that when the Parks and Recreation Division took over management of trails from the Forest Resources Division, hours were added for extra staff. Two new positions were added in the EUP as a result.
- **Mr. Pershinske** stated he received an email yesterday indicating Wisconsin has a beaver management plan committee to provide input into an updated management plan and wondered if something similar is needed in Michigan. **Ms. Haughey** stated an extensive review was done on permitting for beaver damage on private and public lands. She will look into the Wisconsin information.

4. UP Deer Camp Survey Results (Lemmien)

- The history and results of the U.P. Deer Camp survey were presented. The results were prepared by Dave Jentoft, wildlife biologist and Colter Lubben, wildlife technician. The survey has been conducted for many years and the data gathered is considered a good snapshot of hunter observations, although it is not sound science. Participants take pride in the survey and take it very seriously.
- The survey overall shows a decline in the number of camps and hunters participating making statistical analysis challenging. Recruitment of new camps to participate is always encouraged. **Mr. Lemmien** encouraged the Council to register.
- Survey participant information, herd trend and season ratings, results by deer management unit (DMU), and snow conditions were reviewed.
- Key observations include an increase in the number of deer observed per 100 days and a higher success rate for buck harvest. Fawn-to-doe ratios increased, most likely due to a warmer winter.
- 90 days of snow on the ground is considered a severe winter. This past winter, there were 78 days of snow.
- The survey also includes data on other wildlife sightings, such as turkeys, bears, coyotes, wolves, and bobcats.
- The survey data is compared to the new online harvest reporting system, which could replace the survey in the future, although hunter observations would be lost.
- **Mr. Lemmien** added in 2024, a total of 41,498 people living in the UP purchased a deer hunting license.
- A copy of the full results will be emailed to Council members.
- **Ms. Weist** asked about the status of the hunter's safety program with the decline in the number of hunters. **Sgt. Smith** indicated there is a bill in legislation to put hunters' safety back in the schools as an elective and it passed the Senate. He also noted there is an effort to designate August as hunters' safety month.
- **Mr. Maida** indicated he's been having difficulty getting a call back regarding his hunters' safety instructor certificate. **Ms. Haughey** indicated she will assist in getting a response.
- **Mr. Pershinske** mentioned a local non-sanctioned trap and skeet program sponsoring about 15 kids every Thursday evening that was started a year ago. It is good for kids who don't want to participate in regular sports. A statewide competition is also part of the program.

- **Mr. Pershinske** again asked about the reasons for the 21% increase in UP deer harvest this last season. **Mr. Lemmien** stated winter severity is key and noted the warm 70-degree temps for the firearm season of 2023. **Vice Chair Gorniak** noted deer didn't yard-up in 2023 in the many areas of the UP due to the warm winter. **Ms. Haughey** indicated mandatory harvest reporting is also part of the equation, with the possibility of an increase being attributed to reporting patterns. **Mr. Patchakos** noted opening day in 2024 was also on a Friday, which can be another factor.

5. Additional Agenda Items Added by Council (Vice Chair Gorniak)

- There were no additional items added to the agenda by the Council.

Committee Activity

1. Fisheries (Vice Chair Gorniak)

- No items of business to report.

2. Policy Impact (Hass)

- No items of business to report.

3. Wildlife (Secretary Dey)

- No items of business to report. If there are items of interest, please let Secretary Dey know.

4. Other Committee Activity: None.

Next Meeting

1. Next EUPCAC Meeting

- **Vice Chair Gorniak** noted the next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, August 21 in person, beginning at 6:00pm Eastern, at the Munising Township Hall in Wetmore.

2. Topic Suggestions for Next Meeting

- **Vice Chair Gorniak** suggests Council members bring more agenda items forward to ensure comprehensive discussions on various topics. Topic suggestions for upcoming agendas can be forwarded to Ms. Haughey or Ms. Dahlstrom.
- Future topics resulting from this evening's meeting include resolution response comments, Little Lake Harbor, Graymont project update, federal grant cuts affecting the DNR, and the effects of federal forest timber harvesting.

Public Comments (On Any Topic)

Vice Chair Gorniak opened the floor for public comments on any topic.

1. *Pat Egan, Brimley:* Mr. Egan inquired about Graymont's new project and hydrology testing and wondered if the DNR is involved. He also inquired as to the status of Little Lake Harbor and whether it will be closed. **Mr. Cowing** indicated he will follow-up with Mr. Egan after the meeting regarding the harbor. The Council agreed that an update on both topics would be of value at a future meeting.

Closing Comments from Council

Vice Chair Gorniak opened the floor for closing comments from the Council and DNR staff.

1. **Mr. Pershinske** commented on the lack of watershed grants awarded to the UP. **Ms. Haughey** noted these grants are awarded by EGLE.

2. **Mr. Moll** asked for the number of miles of all types of UP trails. **Ms. Dahlstrom** will seek this information from the UP Trails supervisor.
3. **Mr. Wright** noted he does surveys for USGS as a volunteer and was told all their biological research funding is being eliminated. This could possibly affect cormorant control and possible funding opportunities.
4. **Mr. Paquin** asked for the Council to be kept aware of the effects of any federal grant cuts on the DNR.
5. **Mr. Pershinske** noted an executive order has ordered federal forests to start harvesting large amounts of timber, which may have an impact on forest land in the UP. **Mr. Hubbard** added if there is no market however, there would be no cutting. **Mr. Maida** suggested this topic as a future agenda item.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Gorniak thanked Council members for their participation and contributions to the meeting and to everyone for attending. The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm Eastern.