### CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME
The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Corkin. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. The Mayor of Ishpeming also welcomed the group to the community.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WAS MADE BY C. REITER, SECONDED BY J. DOUCETTE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 22, 2016 MINUTES WAS MADE BY T. EDLEBECK, SECONDED BY J. MALNAR AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### SECRETARY’S REPORT
None

### TREASURER’S REPORT
A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURER’S REPORT WAS MADE BY J. MALNAR, SECONDED BY M. SLOWN, AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Treasurer Beaudo noted an increase in operations, the organization is on solid financial footing and has a $534,468 fund balance.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS
G. Corkin presented the Executive Committee report; topics discussed included the Regional Prosperity Initiative, increased staff capacity at CUPPAPD with a new PT GIS staff person starting in May, and House Bill 5578 HB. A MOTION BY M. SLOWN SUPPORTED BY J. MALNAR, THE CUPPAP REGIONAL COMMISSION THROUGH A LETTER OF SUPPORT STRONGLY SUPPORTS HB 5578 TO DETERMINE THE HIGHEST AND BEST USE OF PROPERTY.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
J. Schultz gave a snap shot of the ten FY 16 RPI Strategic Priorities supported by the freshly awarded $320,000 grant. These include a Talent and Attraction Strategy, GIS, Place Making Grant funds, EDO support, Health Needs Assessment, Pure Michigan Partnership, Sawyer Airport Customs Study, and more.

NEW BUSINESS
Executive Committee meetings during Commission meeting days will now be at 11 a.m. not 10 a.m.

PROGRAM SPEAKERS
Mark Slown, Manager of the City of Ishpeming, introduced the representatives from MDOT who preceded to explain the round-about project, its design, function, anticipated construction impacts, and how the design was determined to be the most functional and efficient alternative to eliminate traffic accidents, some of them fatal, near Second and Third Street in Ishpeming. Funding for the project came from Small Urban and the Federal Local Safety Grant. The City of Ishpeming is piggy-backing on the project, updating underground infrastructure making it truly an economic development project.

Jeff Thornton gave the board an update on happenings in the City of Negaunee, especially their response to the Mine Closure eliminating 400 jobs, 1200 including contractors and spin-offs supporting the mine indirectly. The problems are obvious, but 17% are educated; 83% are not and are accustomed to $80,000 positions. It will be challenging to inspire training to initiate new career paths. The City of Negaunee is enthused a 2 Mill increase for equipment and street rehabilitation passed.

Bill Carlson, Negaunee Township, introduced their concept for the Place Making grant which through a partnership with NMU, will improve their trail system.

ADJOURNMENT
A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE BY G. JOHNSON, SECONDED BY J. MALNAR AT 2:10 p.m. and members convened for the tour of the Gossard Factory, Ishpeming Historical Society, and Cognition Brewery.