Summary of Pere Marquette Natural River Zoning Rules After Consolidation of Zoning Rules Across the State in 2013	
	Consolidated Zoning Rules Standard
Short -Term Rentals	Permitted with same standards as single-family dwellings
Watercraft Liveries	Not permitted
Campgrounds	Permitted with Special Use Permit, drive-in campsites must be 200 feet from the river, walk-in campsites landward of a 100-foot Natural Vegetation Strip, no commercial buildings in the Natural River District
Bridges	Foot bridges permitted on tributaries; vehicle bridges on tributaries permitted with special use permit
Docks	Permitted with a maximum 48 square feet, no more than 4 feet into the channel; Note: Permanent docks require a
River Access Stairways	One river access stairway permitted
Boardwalks	Permitted if meets the building setback or associated with a footpath to the river's edge in a very wet area
Land Alteration	Not permitted in the vegetative buffer, wetland and floodplain areas, on the face or crest of a bluff or in the river channel
Bank Stabilization	Standards requiring fieldstone, camouflaged structures and prohibition of seawalls, gabions and similar structures.
Reduced Building Setback in	Permitted in certain circumstances
High Density Areas	
Impervious Surface Standard	Maximum amount of impervious surface allowed on parcel, depending on the size of the parcel
Minimum Parcel Width	Measured at river and minimum setback line
Minimum Parcel Area	Minimum 50,000 square feet in the Natural River District on at least one side of the stream that is legally accessible
Septic Tank Setback	No closer to stream than the dwelling it serves, not in the wetland, must meet health department standards
Multiple Dwellings Per Parcel	Permitted under certain circumstances
Building Height	2 1/2 stories/35 foot maximum height
Combination of	Adjacent nonconforming vacant lots must be combined for use except in areas of high density development
Nonconforming Lots	
Expansion of Nonconforming	Possible expansion of dwelling by 50% or 75% of ground floor area, depending on the distance from the river
Structures	
Restoration of Destroyed	Permitted by Zoning Adminstrator in some cases, may be allowed as variance by the Zoning Review Board in other
Nonconforming Structure	cases. Not permitted if structure is willfully destroyed by property owner or agent. Specific standards regarding reconstruction of dams
Local Governement Reporting	
	applications to the DNR, and must submit an annual report outlining variance/special use applications received and
Permit Applications on	No permit may be issued on propoerties where unresolved rules violation exists
Properties Where Unresolved	
Violation Exists	
Natural Vegetation Strip	Trimming for filtered view limited to a 50-foot width. Low-impact tent camping allowed in Natural Vegetation Strip
Water Supply Wells	Most wells exempt from permit requirements