

Republic Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting May 8, 2023

1. Call to Order by Chairman Kraft at 7:00 pm
2. Pledge to the Flag
3. Present: J. Kraft, F. Haslip, S. Christian, I. Dishno, D. Harold
4. Approval of Agenda: Added needing to approve April 10, PC meeting & April 20, 2023 Public Meeting. Motion by F. Haslip to approve agenda with additions, 2nd by S. Christian, motion passed.
5. Approval of April 10, 2023 meeting minutes:
Motion to approve minutes by I. Dishno, 2nd by F. Haslip, motion passed.
6. Approval of April 20, 2023 Public meeting: Motion by I. Dishno to approve the minutes, 2nd by F. Haslip, motion passed.
7. Reports:
 - a) Infrastructure: F. Haslip
 - 1) Kwik Trip looking at putting in a couple of gas stations around the area.
 - b) Resource conservation: J. Kraft
 - 1) None
 - c) Recreation: S. Christian
 - 1) New board member: Carrie Biolo
 - 2) Disc Golf being worked on with Dan Roberts
 - 3) Casey Saari is working on writing a proposal letter to different foundations and corporations asking for donations, for playground equipment for both Paul's Park and the beach.
 - 4) Committee asking for volunteers to finish painting at the playgrounds and stain all the picnic tables.
 - 5) Spark grant coming up due by June 29, 2023, Carrie Biolo and S. Christian working on it.
 - d) Community Character: I. Dishno
 - 1) None
 - e) Industry: None
 - f) Zoning: None
6. New Business:
 - a) Solar Energy- Motion made by F. Haslip to approve as written and adjusted. 2nd by S. Christian, motion approved.
 - b) Summer's End Smoke Out – Lengthy discussion was held.
 - 1) Nilsson Davis - spoke:
 - a. 49 tickets for camping, and 90 tickets for the event, sold

- b. F. Haslip asked for Map of where everything is going to be
- c. Beer going to be sold inside a tent and handled by Sportsman's Club. Cannabis and beer cannot be sold in same area.
- d. 5 Food Vendors coming

2) Carrie Biolo - spoke:

- a. General Manager of the Fire Station in Negaunee, MI
- b. In support of the Summer's End Smoke Out

3) Motion made by S. Christian to approve the Conditional Use Permit on the conditions that Nilsson Davis abides by all the requirements set forth by both the state and Republic Township and that he has all required paperwork handed in for the Township board meeting on July 27, 2023, otherwise he cannot have his event. Also, that we let the event go to 1am on Friday and Saturday, and Sunday would go until 12am. This was 2nd by F. Haslip. 3 yes, 2 no, motion passed

7. Old Business: None

8. Public Comment: Terry Knap was present and offered input on the permit process.

9. Adjourn: Next meeting June 12, 2023. Motion to adjourn by F. Haslip, 2nd I. Dishno, motion passed. Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm.

Prepared by Deborah Harold, secretary.

Deborah Harold Date: May 14, 2023