

# DRAFT

Republic Township Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting February 14, 2022

1. Call to Order and Pledge to Flag, by V. Workman at 7:00 pm

Present: T. Sandblom, D. Harold, I. Dishno, J. Kraft, S. Christian, V. Workman

2. Approval of Agenda: Motion by T. Sandblom, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Kraft, motion passed

3. Approval of February 14, 2022 meeting minutes pushed back to March 14, 2022 : Motion to push back the approval of minutes (because they were unavailable) to March 14, 2022 by V. Workman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Sandblom, motion passed.

4. Reports:

a) Zoning Administrator:

b) Recreation Committee: Stephanie Christian

1. Updated the Sportsman Club on the 92 acres, disc golf coming, and about the benches and signs.

2. Concept plan for 92 acres coming from UP Engineering at the end of the month. Grant being filed April 1<sup>st</sup>.

3. Public Informational Meeting at the Sportsman's Club about the 92 acres and Concept plan will be there to look at and to give input.

4. Disc Golf, all baskets have been purchased,(some donors giving more money than required) money going through Tina-township treasurer.

5. Can a calendar with events be put on the back of the newsletter.

6. Boat docks, looking at getting 2 new docks, 1 floating dock at the beach and 1 roll in dock at Munson Park. Also, assisting Supervisor to get a grant to change the grade at the beach.

7. Ice Rink, people want it at the basketball area. DPW will maintain.

8. Wanting to ask the Boy Scouts if they would like to stain all the picnic tables this spring. Discussion about getting a list of projects together for them to pick which ones they might want to do.

c) Resource Management: John Kraft,

1. Having a figure out how much the signs will cost, (interpretative and directional signs), approaching Cliffs Mining to see if they will pay for it. Probably costing a couple thousand, no plans to ask for anything else. Signs will be put up in the spring and the benches which were done by the Boy Scouts of Marquette, cost nothing.

d) Community Character: Irene Dishno:

1. Services are police, ambulances, civic services
2. Looking for a central location for the ambulance.
3. Township Office is not open when we need it. Discussion about no consistent hours. Possibly needing 2<sup>nd</sup> person to back up office manager.
4. Need phone number for Bill DeGenero. Discussion about the Master Plan
5. Kathy Johnson's name brought up for possible help in forming a committee to grow Republic Community.

e) Residential Growth:

f) Transportation: Frank Haslip, not present

g) Industry: Tom Sandblom,

1. Partnering with other townships for grants.

5. Old Business:

6. New Business:

a) Chamber of Commerce might be the answer to a second office manager.

b) Writing grants is not Stephanie's job, it is all of ours. Together we need to put plans together to go after grants. Discussion followed. Grant writing is very specific and there are time limits.

7. Public Comment: None

8. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by T. Sandblom, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Kraft, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm

Next meeting March 14, 2022.

Prepared by Deborah Harold, secretary.

*Deborah Harold*

**Date: February 24, 2022**