

Republic Township Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting, June 14, 2021

1. Call to Order by New Chairman Val Workman at 7:00 pm  
Present: J. Kraft, F. Haslip, Val Workman, D. Harold, S. Christian, T. Sandblom
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Deb H, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom S, motion passed
3. Approval of May 10, 2021 minutes: Motion by F. Haslip, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Christian, motion passed
4. Reports
  - a) Zoning Administrator: not at meeting
  - b) PC Chairman: going to use Slack Communication to talk to one another during the month.
    - 1) Asked that these (Key Areas) Committees report monthly
  - c) Transportation & Infrastructure – Frank H
    1. Infrastructure: Natural gas project, kicked back again, because we are not Alaskan. Gary Peters runs rural development and meeting with Joe D and Matt to see what can be done for the gas project.
    2. Perch Lake - Discussion on lots, survey co and easements. Motion to turn it over to Lawyer Greg Murphy, (real estate lawyer) for guidance, by Deb H, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John K, motion passed. Title co will not guarantee a title because it has been fudged over the years. Sewer, water & electric close by. Tom S brought up to take tour of area.
    3. Hawks Dr- pd in full, Pine St & Willow Rd will cost \$250,000. Plan is to have the roads milled when being resurfaced and the millings put on Bengston Rd (which was done in 1947) Bill Degenero's road. This will cut down trucking costs and because it's not a Class A road there is no state tax. Fence River Rd needs to be done, will cost \$5

million to redone if no complications come forth. It was paved in 1968. Road out of Republic – discussion by Frank H and Tom P from Humboldt township to replace in 3 years.

4. Grants approved for the 27 water lead heads off the main to be redone.

d) Resource Conservation – John K

1. Master Plan, Leaf Erickson Park – state takes care of it. Falls Creek area – nice trail area, encourage looking at the Master Plan and do what still needs to be done and follow it.

2. Lake front property – why is there no buffer zone, how can we enforce (would be difficult). Maybe put in Newsletter a spot about how to take care of Lake front property.

e) Recreation – Stephanie C

1. Maintenance-Pavillion looks great since being painted, picnic tables redone

2. Goals and policies, we are not following

a) Need to promote what we call “4 Season Area” not just winter snowmobiling.

f) Community Character –

1. Develop community pride of ownership

2. Does master plan have a spot about training classes in the township hall?

g) Residential growth –

h) Industry – Tom S

i) Zoning – John D

5. Old Business:

a) Fir trees, beetles

b) Solar power- Uppco hasn't selected the spot, which is between Gwinn and Republic.

c) Gas station, we need one desperately.

6. New Business:

7. Public Comment: None

8. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by John K, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom S. at 8:30 pm, next meeting July 12, 2021, 7pm

Deborah Harold – Secretary

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Date:

7/26/21