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Regular Meeting, September 13, 2021

1. Call to Order and Pledge to Flag, by 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 S. Christian, 2nd by T. Sandbloom, motion passed
3. Approval of September 13, 2021 minutes: Motion by D. Harold, 2nd by F. Haslip, motion passed
4. Reports:
 - a) Transportation: F. Haslip
 - 1) Gov Whitmer and staff on board with gasline, from J. Derocher
 - 2) Solar is in a battle between Gwinn and Republic
 - 3) Letter from state wanting which roads are going to be done next year. Old 95, Bengston Rd in Silver Bay area.
 - b) Resource management: J. Kraft
 - 1) Public wetlands project, started 5 years ago, never got finished. 5 miles long, install signs about the trail, directional signs, benches, CCI could possibly help. Low cost project.
 - 2) Anyone know where the sign stating Heron Rookery is or where did it go?
 - 3) Plant identification
 - c) Recreation Committee: S. Christian
 - 1) Bike, walking trail
 - 2) Multi-recreational area (4 seasons)
 - 3) Facebook page named: "Republic Recreation Committee" started, ideas coming forth on page like a dog park, frisbee golf, etc.
 - d) Zoning:
 - 1) Zoning initiative: needing rezoning for Agriculture, etc
 - 2) Need to get together a zoning plan, because a lot of the deeds are not registered in Marquette county, our deeds don't match with Marquette county's records. Titles were not registered. Most property was received from family.
 - e) Community Character:
 - f) Residential Growth:
 - 1) First we need to decide what we are going to do with it, then go to the board and then the petition. Motion to send informal petition around describing our intentions and giving the owners a chance to vote on it. We can't sell it.

- g) Industry: T. Sandblom
 - 1) Chamber of Commerce: who does it report to and is it headed by the local businesses. Chamber of Commerce expects to create value and that is why people join it.
 - 2) Contact MI Development CUPAD – Escanaba for Rural Development
 - 3) Republic **IS** Open for Business
 - 4) Possible food co-op mentioned, need building
- 5. Old Business:
- 6. New Business:
 - a) Township board voted to have Stephanie Christian learn how to write grants.
- 7. Public Comment:
 - a) Need a community map. Welcome Center, need to go to people and talk to them, communicate with them.
 - b) How did the property out at Perch Lake get into the situation it is in?
- 8. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by F. Haslip, 2nd by D. Harold at 8:45 pm, next meeting Oct 11, 2021, 7pm

Signed: Deborah Harold Date: October 4, 2021