Frank Haslip, Board Rep. Tom Sandblom

REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

March 12, 2019

Draft Minutes of the March 11, 2019 Regular Planning Commission meeting.

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by the Chairman, J. Kraft.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance was given
- 3) Zoning Administrator requested two items be added to the agenda under Old Business: Hobby Farms & Cargo Container discussion.
- 4) Silent **roll call** taken: J. Ison, T. Sandblom, J. Kraft, Chairperson, were in attendance. F. Haslip had told the Zoning Administrator he had a conflict with work, and might be late. T. Wilkinson was absent.
- 5) The **minutes for the February 11, 2019 meeting** were approved after a motion by T. Sandblom, supported by J. Ison.

6) **REPORTS**:

- Zoning Administrator reported that two permits had been processed, both on Chief Lake.
- The Master Plan process is waiting for the Township Board to authorize distribution
 of the proposed draft to the contiguous units of government, the County and the
 active utility providers in the community. There was a brief discussion on the
 compatibility of work done in Microsoft Word, and Adobe Acrobat. In particular the
 difficulty of inserting Word tables into the .pdf Master Plan document.
- Recreation Committee reported the Township did get the Welcome Center Grant for the Handicapped Access portion of the Old Bank Building remodel.
 - They also received the \$100,000 grant for the spillway.

7) OLD BUSINESS:

- The Zoning Administrator requested the P.C. to approve the attorney reviewed Hobby Farm amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Motion by T. Sandblom, supported by J. Ison, to accept the amendment, and post for a public hearing at the April 8th meeting. Carried.
- The Zoning Administrator asked the Board to table any discussion on the Cargo Container issue, until more data could be gathered. In particular the Tiny Home phenomenon impact, that in certain cases uses converted Cargo Containers as small dwellings. Motion by J. Ison, supported by J. Craft. Approved.

8) NEW BUSINESS:

- A lengthy discussion was held on the "reason for being" of the Planning Commission, and it's work requirements and needs.
- 9) **PUBLIC COMMENT**: No public Comment

10) **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by J. Ison, supported by F. Haslip to adjourn the meeting at 7:55. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Sony Johnson
Zoning Administrator & acting secretary.