

Republic Township Planning Commission  
May 20, 2019

- 1) Public Hearing for Hobby Farm Amendment to Zoning Ordinance was held. No public input was received.
- 2) Regular meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by Chairman.
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance given and silent roll call taken:  
John Kraft, Frank Haslip, John Ison, Samantha Suomi, and Gary Johnson were present. Tom Sandblom was absent.
- 4) Agenda approval: motion by J. Ison, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank H. to set. Motion approved.
- 5) Approval of April 8 minutes: motion by J. Ison, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank H. to approve. Motion approved.
- 6) Reports:
  - a) Zoning Administrator: No report. G. Johnson stated that the Ordinance Committee is going to recommend that the Township opt out of recreational marijuana until guidelines are set by the State.
  - b) Recreation Committee: Jim Brennan gave a brief update on the ongoing Old Bank Building future development discussions. He also provided copies of minutes of several past Recreation Committee meetings. Jim requested that the Planning Commission formally accept these for the record, and to pass them to the Twp. Board for inclusion in the 5 year Recreation Plan.  
Motion by J. Ison, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank H. to accept and pass on to Board.  
Motion passed.
  - c) PC Chair: no report
- 7) Old Business:
  - a) Master Plan Update: The Zoning Admin. Will assist the new PC Secretary in completion of the necessary adoption steps.
  - b) Recreation Plan Update: Two additional public meetings were held as per DNR requirements.

- c) Hobby Farm Amendment: motion by F. Haslip, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Ison to approve. Motion approved.
  - d) Medical Marijuana issues: A lengthy discussion was held on the impact of these on the zoning ordinances.  
Motion by J. Kraft, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Ison to request a legal opinion on possible conflicts between our Zoning Ordinance accessory structure requirements, and the rights of Medical Marijuana Providers. Motion approved.  
The Zoning Administrator is directed by the Planning Commission to draft a letter requesting the opinion, and after being approved by the PC Chair, to pass on to the Twp. Board.
  - e) Shipping Containers: Discussion on the issue. Some type of regulation needed. PC members were encouraged to come up with ideas for future discussion.
- 8) New Business: none
  - 9) Public Comment: none
  - 10) Adjournment: Motion by F. Haslip, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Ison . Motion passed.  
8:25 pm.