

Don Tapio, Vice Chair
Tom Feldhusen
John Kraft

Martin Oakley, Chairperson

Gary Johnson, Secretary
Frank Haslip
Tom Sandblom

**REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes for 05/08/2017 regular meeting.

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Chairperson M. Oakley at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was taken.
3. * The record will show that **all Planning Commission members were in attendance**
 - * At this time, the Chair requested the **election of a Secretary**. Motion by D. Tapio, supported by T. Sandblom, to elect G. Johnson to the position. Motion carried, with G. Johnson abstaining.
4. **Agenda was approved** with one agenda item being moved. Chairman Oakley requested that the PC Secretary action be moved from Item 9, to immediately after the approval of the agenda. Motion to approve was made by T. Feldhusen, and supported by D. Tapio.
5. **Minutes:**
 - *. **PC Meeting of March 13, 2017:** Motion by M. Oakley, supported by J. Kraft, to approve the minutes with one correction, the previous fill-in secretary entered parcel data in to the minutes that was not part of the actual meeting discussion. The Chair is recommending the minutes be approved with the improperly included data struck from the minutes. Motion carried unanimously. A letter from the PC Chairperson to the Township Board concerning the approval on March 20, 2017 and forwarding of the new Zoning map was included for the record.
 - *. **PC Special Meeting of March 20, 2017:** Motion by T. Sandblom supported by J. Kraft to accept the minutes as published. Discussion was held on the submitted minutes. The minutes submitted did not match either the Chairperson's MP3 recorder, nor the township's audio/visual recording of the meeting. It was agreed that the minutes submitted reflected the political opinions of the individual that prepared the minutes and did not reflect the actions taken by the Board. Discussion concluded, T. Sandblom then rescinded his motion. Motion by D Tapio, supported by T. Sandblom, to not accept the submitted minutes,. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by M. Oakley, supported by D. Tapio, authorizing the Chair to present a true set of minutes at the next regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
 - *. **Rec Committee Meeting of April 5, 2017:** Motion by M. Oakley, supported by D. Tapio, to accept the minutes for file. Carried unanimously.

6. **Public Comment:** No comments. Chairperson closed the item.

7. * **Zoning Administrators reports** for April. On a motion by J. Kraft, with support by Tom Sandblom, the report was unanimously accepted and placed on file. The Zoning Administrator reported the Township Board had hired a new Ordinance Enforcement officer, Dave Grace, and he is already handling complaints. The Zoning Administrator also reported James Lindholm has been using his un-permitted trailer as a hunting camp.

*. **Recreation Committee:** Picnic table workshop scheduled. 5 year Rec Plan does not have too many changes being proposed. Will report on specifics later.
Working on a trifold brochure.
Beach house repairs are waiting for the insurance company.
Ball Field, Mike Todd has been working on it. Some damage done during the wind storm.
John Mykkanen is repairing the campground bear sign.
Moose Rapids expansion is being planned.
TIFA filing for 2017 permit to operate the dam being submitted. Owner has pulled the offer to sell the dam, again.

*. **PC Chairman's report:** Welcome to new members on PC. The Economic Development Committee is a private held Corporation and is not available for use by the Planning Commission.

8. **OLD BUSINESS:**

* Is there any **land available for a gas station**? Ask the Township to attempt to attract a small gas station? F. Haslip agreed to put together a report for the PC for the next meeting.

* T. Sandblom gave a partial history on **previous Economic Development Attempts**. General discussion followed on how to make the community more aesthetically attractive. The Lindholm gas station received considerable attention during the discussion. Would the PC Board want to ask for an outside consultant to help facilitate reconstruction efforts?

* Discussed the **old card shop**, ownership and what should be done. Motion by D. Tapio, supported by T. Sandblom, to recommend the Township Board review the contract with Mr. Krause and take whatever action is appropriate. Motion unanimously carried.

*. The **pollution at the Lindholm gas station was discussed**. Various methods are available to leverage the cleanup of the structure, grounds and pollution. The Board asked the Zoning Administrator to review the current Ordinances to see if something can be done.

At 8:02 the Chair moved for a 5 minute recess. D. Tapio second the request, and concurred by the entire Board.

The Chair called the meeting out of recess at 8:07 p.m.

* The **grant has been approved for the Bank Building** for the roof.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

* **Recreation Plan** will be available for review at the next meeting.

* A proposed **update to Section 417** of the Zoning Ordinance was discussed. Motion by G. Johnson, supported by M. Oakley, to table the issue until the next meeting.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT TOPICS:**

* Beautification by flowers, etc.

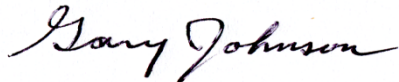
* Lions Club will be planting flowers in Munson Park in the near future

* Cleaning up the Sarepta (Carlson) parcel at the west end of Kloman should be a priority.

* Old Bank Building walls are leaking as well as the roof.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by T. Sandblom, supported D. Tapio to **adjourn** the meeting at 8:35 p.m., Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary Johnson, Secretary.