

Don Tapio, Vice Chair  
Tom Feldhusen  
John Kraft

Martin Oakley, Chairperson

Gary Johnson, Secretary  
Frank Haslip  
Tom Sandblom

**REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes for 07/10/2017 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 M. Oakley, F. Haslip, T. Feldhusen, J. Kraft and G. Johnson were in **attendance** at the start of the meeting. T. Sandblom arrived at 7:04. D Tapio was absent and excused.
4. **Agenda was approved** after a motion by M Oakley, supported F. Haslip.
5. **Minutes:**
  - a) **PC Meeting of June 12, 2017:** Motion by G. Johnson, supported by M. Oakley, to approve the minutes with one correction, the minutes under 8.0 a) should be corrected from Zoning Enforcement Officer to Ordinance enforcement officer. Carried.
  - b) **Rec Committee Meeting:** Did not meet.
7. a) **Zoning Administrators reports** for ~~April~~ June (correction). On a motion by M Oakley, with support by Tom Sandblom, the report was unanimously accepted and placed on file. The Zoning Administrator verbally added an addition to the report, another application for a new home was received today making this 6 for the year.
- b) **PC Chairman's report:** the letter was sent to the township Board regarding the old gas station. A letter was sent by the Ordinance Enforcement Officer giving 15 days to clean it up. Blight and safety are the issues. Also brought up the Card Shop. The Township Treasurer suggested since the current owner of the parcel is having difficulty getting financing, more time be given. NMU has arranged for a tower climb this week, the propane tank has been delivered and the electrical work has been in progress. All electric is being upgraded. Will be a short interruption when the system is changed over. NMU is paying for all of the work.
8. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a). **Recreation plan**, all members now have received a copy. Needs complete revision. The Chair will block out a period of time at the start of each meeting to

work on the plan. The Chair has agreed to do the rewrite with data input from the entire PC membership.

b) **Update to Section 417 of Zoning Ordinance**, motion by G. Johnson, supported by J. Kraft to approve the update, and forward it to the Township Board for approval at the proper time, with the necessary public hearing be included in an expected grouping of changes for this cycle. Roll call vote, 6 ayes, 1 absent. Carried.

c) A subcommittee was formed of the Chair, M. Oakley, F. Haslip, J. Kraft and Zoning Administrator T. Knapp, to review the Township's **Recreational Vehicle Ordinance**. The Ordinance Enforcement Officer, D. Grace will be included if he has time available. The subcommittee will have the Ordinance available for our next meeting.

d) Nothing to report on the Economic Development Committee. F Haslip has a meeting set up with Lafave Oil next week concerning. Two other companies have refused. Conversation evolved around previous attempts and potential resources.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Recreation Brochure**, M. Oakley recused himself from the discussion. Secretary G. Johnson, in the absence of the Vice Chair, D. Tapio, assumed the chair role for this portion.

a) Discussion on the Recreation Brochure: Motion by F. Haslip, supported by J. Kraft, so approve the design, and to pass it on the Township Board. Carried.

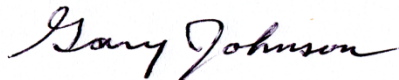
M. Oakley re-assumed the chair.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT TOPICS:** Picnic tables are almost complete, 6 left to go from the original 26. Considerable outside help has been given including the Watershed Organization and the Disable Vets.

Meeting was held at the Governor's office in Marquette attempting to get legislator's help to gain temporary operation of the dam for the fishing derby. CCI is looking for the Wetlands study done, allegedly in 2006, for the required part of the dam operating permit.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Chair declared the meeting adjourned. Meeting adjournment time was not noted.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary Johnson, Secretary.