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Tom Feldhusen  
John Kraft

Martin Oakley, Chairperson

Gary Johnson, Secretary  
Frank Haslip  
Tom Sandblom

**REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes for 08/14/2017 regular meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** regarding the zoning text amendment to section 417 (recreational vehicle/camper Ordinance) of the Zoning Ordinance.

Chairperson M. Oakley called the hearing to order a 7:02 p.m.

Two people spoke:

One requesting clarification on the work being done. Explanation given was the Zoning Ordinance was being reclarified shifting the area of responsibility to one of the Police Power Ordinances of the Township.

Second question was approximately the same, enforcement of the recreational vehicle/campers will be covered by an updated Township Police Ordinance No. 2013-37

There being no further public comments the Public Hearing was closed at 7:07

**PC Meeting**

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Chairperson M. Oakley at 7:07 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was taken.
3. The record will show that M. Oakley, T. Feldhusen, T. Sandblom, J. Kraft and G. Johnson were in **attendance** at the start of the meeting. D. Tapio & F. Haslip were absent and excused.
4. **Agenda was approved** after a motion by T. Sandblom, supported J. Kraft. Bill and Nancy Payne had requested time to address the PC, but had since canceled the request.
5. **Minutes:**
  - a) **PC Meeting of 7/10/2017, 2017:** Motion by M. Oakley, supported by J. Kraft, to approve the minutes with one correction, Item 7 A, the ZA report was for June, not April. Carried.
  - b) **Rec Committee Meeting:** 5 remaining tables are waiting to be finished. Brochures are in process of completion, will be mailed to distribution centers. TIFA: A meeting is being set up w/Casperson's office, and members of the various affected parties. There is a major disagreement, CCI has not had to do a wetlands study, why does the township? The issue is now in Lansing's hands.

6. a) **Zoning Administrators report** for July. On a motion by M Oakley, with support by Tom Sandblom, the report was unanimously accepted and placed on file.

b) **PC Chairman's report:** Northern internet service is waiting for UP Power to hook up the power, and for phone fiber cable to be run to the head.

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

a) Action on changes to section 417 of the Zoning Ordinance, Motion by M. Oakley, supported by T. Sandblom. Roll call vote was unanimous. Changes to be attached to the minutes.

b) Action on Township Ordinance 2013-37, Motion by G. Johnson, supported by M. Oakley to forward the Ordinance changes to the Township Attorney, requesting a review of same, and asking for a proper time limit for enforcement.

c) Recreation Plan, Tabled until the September meeting.

c) Economic Development: F. Haslip is not in attendance. His report is tabled until next meeting.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

a) Jim Brennan spoke on the potential of development of a 40 acre parcel the Township owns on County Rd. LG/River Road. Motion by M. Oakley, supported by J. Kraft, to approve an investigation of potentials for the property. Carried.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT TOPICS:**

Several individuals spoke:

Disagreement with any idea of using the property for a rifle range.

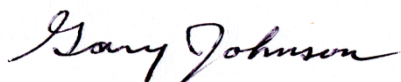
Disagreement with using the gravel on the property for road repairs in the township roads.

Complaint that an alleged "squatter" had not been charged for utilities for the entire time the "squatter" was on the property adjacent to Mr. & Mrs. Ison's property.

A question was asked about the road millage, and what was it used for. A brief discussion on the millage use followed.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,



Gary Johnson, Secretary.