

Republic Township Planning Commission Meeting
7:00 P.M. Monday, July 22, 2013
Republic Township Hall
APPROVED @ 8/19/13 MTG.

1. Chairperson Dan Mitchell Called The Meeting To Order at 7:01 P.M.
2. Members Present: James Brennan (via telephone), Bill Bergin, Dan Mitchell, Tom Sandblom.
Members Absent: Tom Feldhusen.
3. Bill Bergin made a motion, seconded by Tom Sandblom, to Approve The Agenda. The motion carried.
4. Tom Sandblom made a motion, seconded by Jim Brennan, to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2013 P.C. Meeting. The motion carried.
5. Public Comment: None.
6. Correspondence: Dan Mitchell received a telephone call from “The Invasive Species Biologist for the DNR from Dickenson County”. This official was requesting permission to post a sign on “Invasive Species” at the Boat Launch Sites in Republic Township. Tom Sandblom made a motion, seconded by Dan Mitchell, to allow the DNR to post a sign about “Invasive Species” at the three Boat Launch sites in Republic Township. The motion carried.
 - A) Chairperson Mitchell also referenced a packet of material, given to each P.C. member, from CUPPAD, that dealt with the Brownfield Assessment Project for Sites Contaminated with Petroleum Substances and Hazardous Materials. Chairperson Mitchell volunteered to take the lead for the P.C., to explore possibilities for Township improvements through the Marquette County Brownfield Project.
7. Committee Reports:
 - A) Zoning Ordinance Sub Committee: Dan Mitchell and Jim Brennan have reviewed all of the re-written Zoning Ordinances. Jim Brennan volunteered to meet with Marquette County Officials, to have them review our re- written Zoning Ordinances and make sure everything is numbered correctly, and that the zoning ordinances are written accurately.
 - B) Parks & Recreation: Jim Brennan gave a report on the status of the work that has been completed/and still needs to be completed on the Ball Field. He also discussed getting a license to sell “Hot Dogs” and the effort being made to ensure all construction will meet the State Code Requirements. Jim also discussed improvements that are going to be made at the Township Beech, including gravel, sand and “Safety Signs”, as well as a plaque to honor a generous donation. Jim indicated there will be a meeting in early August involving the Township Board, Planning Commission, Recreation Committee and Bill Sanders, to review everything in the grant for Munson Park. By the end of August, we should have a clear indication of what our chances of achieving the “Recreation Grant “will be.
There was discussion about the membership of the Recreation Committee. Dan Mitchell made a motion , that was seconded by Tom Sandblom, to table this

topic, until the August 2013, meeting of the P.C. The motion carried.

- C) Community Service: Terry Knapp spoke about the Community Water Tower Site. Dan Mitchell then made a motion, seconded by Bill Bergin, to have the P.C. support a "Resolution" expressing deep support and gratitude, to Jim Brennan, for all the work he has done on the Community Ball Field. Roll Call Vote: Jim Brennan-Did Not Vote; Bill Bergin-Yes; Tom Sandblom-Yes; Dan Mitchell-Yes; The motion carried. Chairperson Mitchell will write the resolution.
- D) RM School: Dan Mitchell spoke about construction improvements to the RM School, because of the successful School Millage Election; also about a upcoming School Board Meeting to access the Financial Situation of the RM School District.
- 8. Zoning Administrator's Report: The Zoning Administrator's Report from June 17, 2013 to July 15, 2013 is attached to the minutes. Tom Sandblom made a motion, seconded by Bill Bergin, to accept the Zoning Administrator's Report as presented and printed. The motion carried.
- 9. Old Business: Nothing further to discuss tonight on the Munson Park Project. Information on the Township Fall Clean Up would be shared at the August P.C. meeting.
- 10. New Business:
 - A) Direction: Discussion ensued regarding taking time at the August 2013 meeting, to establish P.C. goals, so we have a direction to go in. Chairperson Mitchell volunteered to work on an outline, to help us with this process, at the August 2013 meeting.
 - B) MEDC: Jennifer Tucker is the new MEDC person assigned to our area. She will be invited to the August P.C. meeting, to share services MEDC has available to assist our Township.
 - C) Economic Development: There was some discussion on ideas Jamie Hackleman had for Economic Development that could have benefits for our Township.
 - D) Millage: Chairperson Mitchell reminded the P.C. that the Recreation Committee would like the Township to put a .2 tenths of a mill tax increase on the ballot for the next election. This millage would be in effect for three years to generate revenue for Community Recreation Projects/Programs. Support for this millage was passed at the June 2013 P.C. mtg. Dan Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Tom Sandblom, to take a Roll Call Vote Supporting the .2 of a mill tax increase for three years for Community Recreation Programs/Projects. The motion carried. Roll Call Vote: James Brennan-Yes; Bill Bergin-Yes; Dan Mitchell-Yes; Tom Sandblom-Yes; The P.C. supports the millage and encourages the Township Board to place it on the ballot in the next election. This would hopefully appear on the November ballot.
- 11. Public Comment: None; The meeting Adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Bergin, Recording Secretary

