

February 21,2011

The Republic Planning Commission

Gentlemen:

After lengthy deliberation and thought I have decided to respond to the letter Mr. Payne submitted to the Commission at the January 21,2011 meeting.

Unfortunately, Mr. Payne was not in attendance at the meeting between MR. Nesbit, Mr. Blomquist and me held at my home the day after they received a letter from Mr. Payne vacating the conditional use permit.

On several occasions individuals have asked for and not received zoning documents from the Treasurer and she was unable to provide them because she had not received them from the Zoning Administrator. If my failing memory serves me correctly, there was no letter distributed at the closed session that was held. It was a meeting to discuss possible solutions to what the Commission could do with regard to the Zoning Administrator's failure to carry out his duties. As the Zoning Administrator neither reports to the Planning Commission nor was an employee there was no breach of the Open meetings law.

Contrary to what he has stated, the original use permit was not in my possession, a copy of the original was as I try to keep my own records as back up. In addition it is the Zoning Administrator's responsibility to have custodial care of such documents. It appears that the transferring of Planning Commission documents in a grocery bag is offensive to the Zoning Administrator. These documents were meant to be transferred to the incoming PC Chair and not for public perusal or distribution.

Let it be clearly understood, I issued no letter or took no action on any matter regarding the situation without full disclosure to the entire Commission.

The letter that the Zoning Administrator refers to as being written by me was in fact written by Mr. Sandblom, Mr. Bergin and me. It was presented to the entire Commission and past by a vote of 6 to 0. This letter was directed to the Republic Township Board who have the ultimate supervisory responsibility of the Zoning Administrator. Again, by a 6 to 0 vote the Commission approved sending the letter to the Township board,

Lastly, I find the personal attacks insulting and extremely unprofessional. His actions over the last month have gone beyond that including his wife publicly accusing me of poisoning my own dog and gossiping at church and other public places that I was a liar and did bad things with a suspect agenda.

Let the record indicate what I have been accused of is, in fact, legal action taken by a duly appointed Commission of the Township of Republic, past unanimously.

Respectfully,

Dan J. Mitchell