

Republic Township Planning Commission
7:00 P.M. February 21, 2011
Republic Township Hall

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Dan Mitchell.
2. Members Present: Shannon Ambuehl, Bill Bergin, James Brennan, Tom Feldhausen, Terry Knapp, Dan Mitchell, and Tom Sandblom (via telephone).
3. Approval of the Agenda: It was moved by Jim Brennan and seconded by Shannon Ambuehl to approve the Agenda. The motion carried.
4. Approval of the January 17, 2011 minutes: It was moved by Tom Feldhusen and seconded by Tom Sandblom to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2011 meeting that were submitted by Secretary Bill Bergin, with one change to item 11-C (New Business-Zoning Boundary Sub Committee)
-Jim Brennan, not Dan Mitchell, serves on this committee. Jim's name should be added to this committee and Dan's name omitted.

After noting this change, the motion carried.

5. Public Comment: None
6. Correspondence: Chairperson Dan Mitchell distributed a letter to each Planning Commission Member. This letter will be posted on the Republic Township web-site (by Fred Nannestad) with the Planning Commission Minutes. This letter is a response to the letter Mr. William Payne, submitted to the Planning Commission at the January 21, 2011 meeting. The Planning Commission wanted Dan's letter to be included in the minutes of tonight's meeting.
7. Committee Reports:
 - A) Zoning Ordinance Sub Committee: No Report for tonight;
 - B) Parks and Recreation: No Report for tonight;
 - C) Community Services: Tom Feldhausen reported that Community Services will be sponsoring a movie night for families in our township;
 - D) RM School: Tom Feldhausen reminded everyone of the School Election on Tuesday, February 22, 2011. He encouraged everyone to get out and vote.
 - E) Zoning Ordinance Revision Update: Dan Mitchell reported that Jim Brennan, Bill Bergin and himself, met and reviewed the Republic Township Zoning Ordinance. They did recommend some changes and sent their recommendations on to Michelle, a Community Planner at CUPPAD. Michelle will review the recommendations and make sure the language is appropriate. She will send the recommended changes to the entire Planning Commission for our review. If approved by the Planning Commission, these changes would then go out to the Public for their review.
 - F) Zoning Districts Mapping Progress: No Action Taken
8. Website Report: Fred Nannestad presented information on the Republic Township Website for February 1-19, 2011.
9. Old Business: None
10. New Business: Chairperson Dan Mitchell reminded the Planning Commission that there is going to be a combined Open Meeting with the Township Board and the Planning Commission of Republic Township. This meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Hall on March 3, 2011.

The meeting is in regard to the Township Zoning Administrator, Mr. William Payne.

For the benefit of the new Planning Commission members, Chairperson Mitchell gave background information that has led up to the need for this meeting.

Tom Sandblom then made a motion that the Planning Commission support William Payne, continuing as the Township Zoning Administrator, and that he must adhere to performance guidelines as determined by the Township Board. Shannon Ambuehl seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Planning Commission will not meet on March 21, 2011 as three members will be out of town. If a situation should arise where there is a need to have a March meeting, Vice Chairperson Jim Brennan will schedule a meeting. The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will then be Monday, April 18, 2011.

11. Public Comment: None
12. Adjourn: It was moved by Bill Bergin, and seconded by Jim Brennan to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Bergin, Secretary