

**REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015**

- 1. Call to Order** – The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- 2. Members Present** –Tom Feldhusen, Tom Sandblom, John Kraft and Stacy Davis. Dan Mitchell was present as Zoning Administrator.
- 3. Approval of Agenda** – Motion to approve by Stacy Davis, seconded by John Kraft. All in favor, motion carried.
- 4. Approval of Minutes** – Motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2015. Motion by Tom Sandblom, seconded by John Kraft. All in favor, motion carried.
- 5. Public Comment** – None
- 6. Zoning Administrator's Report:** Report attached. Mr. Mitchell responded that the Burns property is out on the 18 Road and the Opsteen property is on old 95 with an issue regarding trailer cover and lack of footings. Many land divisions in process which can take varying lengths of time to finalize. Motion to approve the Zoning Administrator's Report of March 23, 2015. Motion by Tom Feldhusen, seconded by Stacy Davis. All in favor, motion carried.

7. Committee Reports:

Economic Development/Tom Sandblom; Nothing to report.

Grants/DNR/John Kraft: Nothing to report. Until determined what needs and priorities to pursue, don't know what grants to investigate.

Recreation Committee/Stacy Davis: Nothing to report as the Recreation Committee has not had a meeting. Tara Williams suggested contacting some of the individuals from the Recreation Committee as to their current plans.

Board Liaison/Tom Feldhusen: Board will be discussing extension of the railroad from Humboldt to the mine at their next meeting.

8. Old Business/New Business:

- A. Group chose a date for a working session of the Planning Commission to get more detail to the respective groups and potential areas of focus. Working session planned for April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Stacy Davis offered the Art Gallery as the location for the session. Group chose a tentative date to propose to the Board for a joining working session between the Planning Commission and the Board for May 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Stacy Davis offered the Art Gallery as the location. Tara Williams will confirm this joint session with the Board and communicate any changes.
- B. We are looking forward to getting some direction and cohesion with the Planning Commission's goals and the Township Board.
- C. Tom Sandblom suggested a phone call reminder a couple of days in advance of meetings.

9. Public Comment – Mr. Knapp indicated that the zoning map will need to be broadened to give more detail to the specific zones in North Republic as the scale of the current map is not detailed enough to show the detail.

10. Adjourn - Chairperson Williams adjourned the meeting @ 7:24 PM.

Signature

Date

Approved