

Republic Township Planning Commission  
7:00 P.M. May 16, 2011  
Republic Township Hall

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m. by Chairperson Dan Mitchell.
2. Members Present: James Brennan, Bill Bergin, Tom Feldhausen, Terry Knapp, Dan Mitchell and Tom Sandblom (via telephone). Member Absent: Shannon Ambuehl;
3. Chairperson Dan Mitchell introduced Al Pierce, who will serve as the Interim Zoning Administrator for Republic Township.
4. Approval of the Agenda: It was moved by Bill Bergin and seconded by James Brennan to approve the agenda. The motion passed.
5. Approval of the February 21, 2011 minutes: It was moved by James Brennan and seconded by Terry Knapp to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2011 Planning Commission meeting. The motion passed.
6. Public Comment: Paula Stone, the Township Clerk, invited members of the Planning Commission to accompany the Township Board and Kim Nault, on Saturday, June 18, at 9:00 A.M., to visit Township Properties and participate in discussions regarding priorities for the Township.
7. Correspondence: Chairperson Dan Mitchell referenced a letter dated May 9, 2011, from Gary Johnson, the Township Supervisor, regarding the Chief Lake Property. The Chief Lake Wilderness Youth Camp is requesting tax exemption for Parcels 52-12-105-006-00, and 52-12-105-009-00, that they have recently purchased. Both parcels are contiguous to the original 13.5 acre parcel to which the Planning Commission granted a conditional use permit for the construction of the camp. Chairperson Mitchell asked Al Pierce (Interim Zoning Administrator) to advise the Planning Commission on this request  
Mr. Pierce advised the Planning Commission that he checked the Chief Lake Wilderness Youth Camp file and the County Building code records. He could not find a description of the 13.5 acre parcel. He advised that the Conditional Use Permit that issued, as strictly limited to the original 13.5 acre parcel.  
*Tom Sandblom made a motion that the Planning Commission send a letter to the Chief Lake Wilderness Youth Camp, requesting them to provide the Planning Commission with a legal description of the 13.5 acre parcel site that they currently have a Conditional Use Permit for; and also that a letter be sent to the Township Assessor, indicating the Conditional Use Permit issued, was only for the original 13.5 acres. Tom Feldhusen seconded the motion. The motion passed.*
8. Committee Reports:
  - A) Zoning Ordinance Sub Committee: No Report;
  - B) Parks & Recreation: James Brennan indicated the Township Board has appropriated some monies for Parks and Recreation. There will be a meeting on May 23, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. to examine areas that need to be addressed by this committee;
  - C) Community Services: Tom Feldhusen indicated there is a meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2011 regarding awarding scholarships;
  - D) RM School: Tom Feldhusen indicated that the RM Public School System is working to be successful in these challenging times for small school systems in Michigan;
  - E) Zoning Ordinance Revision Update: Dan Mitchell reported that Michelle Dewitt from CUPPAD, is retyping the current ordinances and re-numbering them in

accordance with the numbering pattern the Ordinance Committee approved. We cannot change any Ordinance without a public hearing first. Once CUPPAD has retyped them in their original state, we will hold a public hearing to approve them under the new numbering sequence.

- F) Zoning Districts Mapping Progress: Tom Sandblom and James Brennan will be meeting with Al Pierce to clarify the Zoning Bodies. They will have a report at the June meeting.
9. Zoning Administrator's Report: Al Pierce shared the following information with the Planning Commission:
- A) *There is a Zoning Permit Request on a parcel on Perch Lake from Northern Michigan Land Brokers. They are requesting a Zoning District Designation;*
  - B) *Zoning Compliance Permits were issued for:*
    - Aaron Wickstrom for a shed on Squaw Lake;
    - Laurine Mercier for a proposed fence;
    - Laurence Goodwin for a seasonal dwelling off of Moose Drive;
    - A Violation was issued to Dave LaFraeniere on County Road 601;
    - An Incomplete Permit for a garage from Tom Fitzpatrick was returned to the Township, and will need to be resubmitted with complete information on it;
    - Al also expressed concerns about Emergency Services not having safe access to the Chief Lake Youth Camp from County Road 601
10. Old Business: Chairperson Dan Mitchell expressed concerns about the status of the Zoning Files. Paula Stone, the Township Clerk was in the audience, and indicated she would speak with the former Zoning Administrator, about the Zoning Files.
11. New Business: None
12. Public Comments: Bill Weaver spoke about Safety/Health concerns in regard to access from various roads to the Chief Lake Wilderness Youth Camp. He expressed concern about Emergency Services having access to the Youth Camp. He pointed out the need to ensure safe travel to the public and the residents of the Chief Lake Youth camp.

Dan Mitchell will draft a letter to go to the Marquette County Road Commission expressing these safety concerns. He will bring the Draft Letter to the June Planning Commission meeting for our review and approval. The letter will then be sent to the county road commission.

Ron Kulie had questions about paving County Road 601. Chairperson Mitchell shared his understanding of areas of County Road 601 that were due for paving. Mr. Mitchell stressed this was contingent upon fiscal constraints in the State of Michigan

13. James Brennan made a motion to Adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. It was seconded by Bill Bergin. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Bergin, Secretary