

Republic Township Planning Commission Meeting

7:00 P.M. May 17, 2010

Republic Township Hall

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by chairperson Dan Mitchell.
2. Members Present: Bill Bergin, Jim Brennan, Tom Feldhuson^{en}, Dan Mitchell, Tom Sandbloom, Marie Serafin, Bill Payne (Zoning Administrator).

Members Absent: Steve Koski, Paul Polanski.

3. Approval Of Agenda: It was moved by Tom Sandbloom and seconded by Jim Brennan to approve the Agenda. The motion carried.
4. The Open Public Hearing on the Kenny Conditional Use Permit began at 7:03 P.M.

Bill Payne, the Township Zoning Administrator, requested the Planning Commission to review the handout material on the Kenny Property: Conditional Use.

Mr. Payne indicated that a Notice Of Public Hearing on the Kenny Property Conditional Use Permit was advertised in the May 4, 2010 edition of the Mining Journal, and that notices were sent out to all the neighbors in the area. Mr. Payne provided the Planning Commission with a listing of the neighbors who were sent notices, as well as a copy of the May 4, 2010 Mining Journal.

Mr. Payne indicated that everything was completed legally and that none of the neighbors had any objections to the Kenny Property Conditional Use Permit.

Mr. Payne recommended approval of the Kenny Application.

It was moved by Tom Sandbloom and seconded by Dan Mitchell to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Ray Kenny.

The motion passed.

Tom Sandbloom made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was Seconded by Jim Brennan.

The motion passed.

5. Approval Of Minutes: It was moved by Jim Brennan and seconded by Dan Mitchell to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2010 meeting.

The motion carried.

6. Public Comment: None.

7. Committee Reports:

Zoning Ordinance Sub Committee:
Nothing To Report.

Parks and Recreation:

Jim Brennan reported that the Republic Michigamme School has a picnic scheduled for May 26, at 5:30 P.M., with a Band Concert to follow.

Jim Brennan also reported that Bids on the Raft have been sent out by the Republic Township Supervisor, Gary Johnson.

Community Services:

Tom Feldhuson reported that the Community Services Committee will make the final approval for Summer Scholarships this week.

Republic Michigamme School:

Tom Feldhuson reported that the Republic Michigamme School Budget Committee and Negotiating Committee are meeting. Mr. Feldhuson indicated that the public school system in Republic Michigamme is in Dire Financial Straights.

Marie Serafin reported that the Republic Michigamme Public School System, may not qualify for Grant Money under the "Safe Routes To School Grant", because of a lack of students.

Marie Serafin also indicated that there may be an opportunity for the Republic Michigamme Public School System to qualify for some money in that grant to fix up the front of the school and the cross-walk.

Marie Serafin made a motion that the Planning Commission go on record as supporting the Republic Michigamme School application for the "Safe Routes to School Grant". Tom Feldhauson seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

8. Capital Expenditures Sub-Committee Reports:

Infrastructure:

Chairperson Dan Mitchell indicated that we now have the Final Report from Bill Payne and Tom Sandbloom. The report was distributed and discussed by the Planning Commission.

It was noted that there was a typographical error on page 1 of the report. The word "it's" should be "its".

Marie Serafin made a motion to submit this report to the Republic Township Board for their review and approval. Tom Sandbloom seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Recreational Facilities:

Nothing To Present.

TIFA:

Chairperson Dan Mitchell indicated that the TIFA Board approved their Bi-Laws.

Mr. Mitchell indicated that the TIFA Board currently has eight members on it and must reduce this number to seven members. Mr. Mitchell is the new Executive Director of TIFA. He will make the TIFA Board aware of this situation.

Roads:

Jim Brennan reminded the Planning Committee that decisions need to be made in a timely manner regarding the millage that was passed for the roads, so that Republic Township is in a position to possibly qualify for Grant Money.

Dan Mitchell suggested that Scott Koski and Bill Bergin come back to the Planning Commission at the June meeting with recommendations on how The approved Road Millage Money should be used.

9. Zoning Ordinance Discussion:

There was no discussion on this Agenda Item. Chairperson Dan Mitchell Indicated that the Planning Commission addressed this issue earlier in the evening.

10. Zoning Administrator's Report:

Bill Payne, provided the Planning Commission with information regarding Applications For Zoning Compliance Permits and requests for Land Division in the Township.

Jim Brennan made a motion to approve the Zoning Administrator's Report. Dan Mitchell seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

11. Public Comment:

There was no Public Comment.

12. Adjourn:

Jim Brennan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marie Serafin seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.