

Revised

Republic Township Planning Commission  
Minutes of Meeting on May 12, 2014

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:11 PM by Chairman James Brennan
- 2) Roll call: James Brennan, Tom Fitzpatrick, Terry Knapp, John Kraft,  
Dan Mitchell (Zoning Administrator)  
Absent: Stacy Davis
- 3) Agenda: motion by Terry Knapp, second by Tom Fitzpatrick to approve  
Approved - All ayes
- 4) Minutes of meetings:  
March 10, 2014: motion by ~~Tom~~<sup>James</sup> Brennan to approve, seconded by Tom  
Fitzpatrick. Approved – all ayes  
April 14, 2014 Corrections: under 10 – vice chairman spelled wrong.  
Stacy Davis - abstain  
Motion to approve corrected minutes by Tom Fitzpatrick,  
seconded by Terry Knapp. All ayes – approved.  
Public Hearing March 20, 2014 on zoning ordinance changes, and grant  
Application for Heritage Trail Welcome Center:  
Motion to approve by ~~Tom~~<sup>James</sup> Brennan, second by Terry Knapp  
Approved – all ayes
- 5) Public Comment: none
- 6) Communications:  
Received copy of Ely Twp. Recreation Plan and Master Plan
- 7) Committee Reports:
  - a) Zoning Ordinance Subcommittee – no report
  - b) Recreation: approval of minutes  
Feb. 10 – motion to approve by ~~Tom~~<sup>James</sup> Brennan, second by John Kraft  
Approve – all ayes  
April 14 – motion to approve by Tom F., second by John Kraft  
Approved – all ayes
  - c) Naming of Campground: No urgency to do now. The Recreation  
Committee suggested that since the people of the township are  
contributing money through a millage to support this, they should have  
a say in naming it.  
Motion made by ~~Tom~~<sup>James</sup> Brennan to pass on the Recreation Committee's  
suggestion to the Township Board. It was seconded by John Kraft.  
All ayes, motion passed.

- d) Community Services: Spring Clean Up changes to June 28, 2014.
- e) RM School: play cancelled
- f) TIFA: nothing
- 8) Zoning Administrator Report: one permit issued (attached)  
Motion to approve report by ~~Tom~~ Brennan, seconded by Terry Knapp.  
All ayes – approved *James*
- 9) Old Business: none
- 10) New Business:  
Insurance agent will be at June meeting to inform us on possibilities for Recreation resources. *Tom Mitchell*
- 11) Public Comment: ~~Terry Knapp~~ suggested that we take a leadership role in getting ideas from the public for future of township development.
- 12) Adjournment: motion to adjourn made by Tom Fitzpatrick, seconded by John Kraft. All ayes.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

*John T. Kraft*

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk  
Terry Knapp, Trustee

Gary Johnson, Supervisor 376-8139  
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Kristina Koski, Treasurer  
Tom Feldhusen, Trustee

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**DATE:** May 12, 2014  
**TO:** Republic Township Board  
**ATTN:** Ms. Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk  
**FROM:** Dan Mitchell, Zoning Administrator  
**RE:** Zoning Administrator's Report from April 1, 2014 to May 1, 2014

**ZONING COMPLIANCE PERMITS ISSUED:**

1789 Puffin Lane  
Republic MI 49879  
Section 27, T45N-R30W  
52-12-127-006-00

**ZONING COMPLIANCE PERMITS DENIED:**

None

**ZONING VIOLATION:**

None

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:**

None

**GENERAL:**

4.14.14 Phone conversations with various Individuals re: zoning issues

Sincerely,

Dan J Mitchell, Zoning Administrator  
[republiczoning@northpines.net](mailto:republiczoning@northpines.net)

c: Planning commission  
Township board

Republic Township  
Recreation Committee  
Minutes 4-14-2014

Call to order: Jim Brennan at 5:05

Present: James Brennan, Tina Koski, Tom Fitzpatrick, Ike Todd, Tracy McNeill, Wulf McNeill

Absent: Mary Fitzpatrick, Kim Isaacson, Hillary Venn

Approval of agenda: Jim Brennan corrected the date and added line b election of officers under new business. Motion to approve made by Ikey Todd, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tina Koski. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of minutes: Motion made by Ikey Todd, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Brennan, all in favor, motion carried.

Public comment: none

Communication: none

Old business:

A. Munson Park: Rob Spears is the surveyer, we are waiting for the grant to be signed.

B. Heritage Trail: The grant was put in on 4-01-2014 the the handicap bathroom. The Heritage trail is giving a \$25,000 matching grant toward the DNR grant. The dump station location was discussed. Noise ordinances were discussed in the event of the mine operating. Concerns were raised about Milwaukee Lake contaminating the wet lands.

C. Ball field: Jim Brennan stated we need a coach and he would do it if necessary. We are getting stand license. Jim Brennan moved to bring motion to Town Board to put recreation areas under separate insurance coverage. Tom Fitzpatrick 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

New business:

A. Beach project: Jim Brennan is checking into material and he stated that from what he saw in Florida all small towns there have new equipment. Tina Koski stated she would submit pictures to the "Today Show" and brought up a possible beach building mural. There is a need to fix the doors and bathrooms. Jim Brennan is looking into getting electricity and securing benches.

B. Election of officers: The meeting was opened for election, roll call was taken before each vote. Tina Koski nominated Hillary Venn for Chair, Tom Fitzpatrick 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried. Tina Koski nominated Kim Isaacson for Vice Chair, Tom Fitzpatrick 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried. Tina Koski nominated Wulf McNeill for secretary, Tom Fitzpatrick 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion carried.

Public comment: none

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Wulf McNeill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Fitzpatrick at 5:40. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Wulf McNeill  
Secretary

Republic Township

Recreation Committee

Minutes: 2-10-2014

Call to order: Jim Brennan at 5:10pm

Present: James Brennan, Mary Fitzpatrick, Tom Fitzpatrick, Kim Isaacson, Wulf McNeill

Absent: Tina Koski, Tracy McNeill, Aileen Todd, Hillary Venn

Approval of agenda: Jim Brennan added under new business line b "Marquette area visitors guide" and line c "Budget". Motion to approve by Mary Fitzpatrick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Isaacson, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve by Kim Isaacson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Fitzpatrick, all in favor, motion carried.

Public comment: none

Communication: Jim Brennan presented booklet showing picnic tables and grills.

Old business:

- A. Munson park: At this time only survey work can be done with the architect after the contract is signed, nothing else until the grant is signed. Rob Spears bid \$2,150 to survey, gave survey to Bill Sanders. Jim Brennan stated that we want to keep business local. Bill Sanders needs the Township Board to approve his contract, this payment will come out of the grant.
- B. Heritage trail: The trail is to go in this summer, Sister Marge wants electricity to the garden.
- C. Ball field: To be addressed this spring.

New business:

- A. Beach project: Tina supplied an aerial map, we are looking to put the playground to the right of the pavilion. We are looking to put grills and picnic tables at the camping area. Jim Brennan looked at the out building and stated we need to cut seats and redo them as well as installing a stall. We may be able to get free supplies from local lumber yards for this as well as picnic tables; prices for tables were discussed. Wulf McNeill presented grill information and pricing, we need 4 grills and 3 picnic tables, new dock and signage. We need to get funding for playground equipment. Jim Brennan will present to the Planning Commission. The horseshoe court needs power and better lighting. It was decided that moving the horseshoe pits is a bad and costly idea. People are looking to access wetlands, Jim Kipila is to talk to CCI, Ken Salo is to take lead and turn it over to us. Mary Fitzpatrick