

REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
7:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 15, 2010
REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP HALL

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairperson Dan Mitchell.
2. Members Present: James Brennan, Bill Bergin, Tom Feldhusen, Dan Mitchell, Marie Serafin, Bill Payne (Zoning Administrator).

Members Absent: Paul Polanski, Tom Sandblom.
3. Approval Of Agenda: It was moved by Jim Brennan and seconded by Bill Bergin to approve the agenda. The motion carried.
4. It was moved by Jim Brennan and seconded by Bill Bergin to approve the minutes of the September 20th meeting and the special meeting on October 2. The motion carried.
5. Public Comment: None.
6. Correspondence: Dan Mitchell distributed a letter to each individual Planning Commission member. The letter stated Dan intention to resign as Chairperson of the Planning Commission effective November 22, 2010. The letter stated Dan's reasons for the resignation.

Dan turned the meeting over to the Vice Chairperson, Jim Brennan.

Dan thanked the commission members for their help and support over the past two years that he served as Chairperson. He then left the meeting.

7. Committee Reports:
 - Zoning Ordinance Subcommittee: Jim Brennan indicated they did not meet.
 - Parks & Recreation: Jim Brennan indicated there was nothing to report.
 - Community Services: Tom Feldhusen reported that the annual Christmas Party for the children is coming up in the month of December.
 - RM School: Tom Feldhusen reported that there was a slight increase in student enrollment for this school year over last school year. He also reported that Dick Allen, was serving as Interim Superintendent for the RM School District.
8. Capital Improvement Budget Information: Chairperson Jim Brennan tabled this until the December meeting. He indicated that Dan Mitchell had information on this agenda item that Jim would get and share with us in December.
9. Zoning Administrator's Report:

Land Divisions: Steven K. Heikkinen, P.S. of ECI, presented a Township Parcel Division Application in Republic Township for Peter V. and Elaine C. Harvala. Mr. Heikkinen distributed copies of the Parcel Application, the Abstract and Title, and the Survey Certificate. He responded to questions from the Planning Commission. Bill Payne, stated that everything was done in the proper legal manner. Tom Feldhusen made a motion to approve the application. Marie Serafin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Terry Huffman, representing Jay Mattala, spoke to the Planning Commission regarding Jay Mattala's Township Parcel Division Application in Republic Township. He expressed frustrations in working with the Township Zoning Administrator.

Bill Payne, Township Zoning Administrator, informed the Planning Commission and Mr. Huffman, that a legal survey needed to be completed before any further action could be completed. Mr. Hoffman indicated that he never received any documentation from the Zoning Administrator telling him this survey was required. Mr. Hoffman indicated he would share this information with Jay Mattala and proceed from there.

Activity Update:

- Applications For Zoning Compliance Permits:

Schulmacher, Bruce	Construct a basement for a house	Approved 08/25/10
Severson, Burns&Caroline	Construct an addition to a house	Approved 08/28/10
Wise, Chris	Add a garage	Approved 09/03/10
Nesbitt, Steve	Start construction on campsite	Approved 09/18/10
O'Leary, Mike&Alice	Construct a house	Approved 09/22/10
Anderson, Brain	Construct a garage prior to building his home.	Approved 10/17/10
Kenny, Raymond	Construct a fence on his property on Holli Blue Rd.	Approved 10/22/10

- Mr. Payne distributed information on Zoning Compliance Permits by Year from 2007 to 2010.
- Mr. Payne distributed a Zoning Map and indicated that it needed further definition and refining. Marie Serafin made a motion that the Planning commission give the Zoning Administrator the approval to develop a process to refine the Zoning Map. Tom Feldhusen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

10. Website Report : No Report was given.

11. Old Business: None

12. New Business: Marie Serafin made a motion that the Planning Commission amend our Zoning Ordinance, that will include language for Non Conforming Lots. Tom Feldhusen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13. Public Comment On Agenda Items:

Steve Heikkinen suggested that the Zoning Administrator check with Ely Township on check lists they use on Zoning operations .

14. Adjourn: Marie Serafin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Bill Bergin seconded the motion. The motion carried.