

Republic Township
Public Hearing re:
Application for DNR Grant for
Iron Ore Heritage Trail Welcoming Center

Call to order 7:30pm

Members of planning commission present: James Brennan, Tom Fitzpatrick, Terry Knapp, John Kraft

Public Comments:

Bill Sanders of Sanders & Czapski Associates, explained that the township is applying for grant funds. The Iron Ore Heritage Trail Association will match \$25,000 more. It is up to the township as to how much more match they wish to add to it to get more funds.

The project so far proposed to upgrade the bathroom and entrance to barrier free design. A kiosk for trail information and a section of trail over to the building will also be installed. Parking will be designated. Bike racks and signs are also part of the project.

Will there be a shower in the building? This is not yet decided.

Can a sewer dump station be put in? This could be done if there is enough money.

Can the bike racks be accommodating to wide tire bike? Yes.

The trail is multi use.

Will the trail kiosks mention local businesses? Yes.

Will the Chicken Coop still be in the building? There is an agreement with them on this. They will still be there.

We received a grant to buy the building to use as a welcome center. So it must be used for that.

Republic is the prime location for the building.

The trail surface will be a fine aggregate material.

The present section of the trail between Ishpeming and Negaunee gets many users.

End of Comments

Motion made by Jim Brennan to approve sending the application to the township board for their approval. Motion seconded by John Kraft.

Roll call vote: J. Brennan – yes, Tom Fitzpatrick – yes, Terry Knapp – yes, John Kraft – yes. Motion carried.

Hearing adjourned 8:03 pm.

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For the County of **MARQUETTE**

In the matter of: Notice of Public Hearing
Grant Application
IOHTA Republic Information Center

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JAMES A. REEVS

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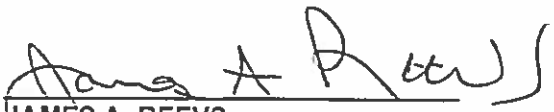
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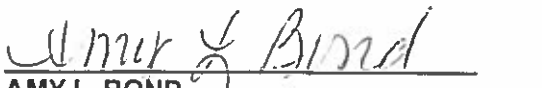
<p align="center">NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p align="center">For: Grant Application from the DNR for IOHTA Republic Information Center</p> <p align="center">A public hearing will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2014 @ 7:30 At the Republic Township Town Hall</p>

March 4, 2014



JAMES A. REEVS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of March, 2014.



AMY L. BOND
Notary Public for Marquette County, Michigan
Acting in the County of Marquette
My commission expires: July 3, 2019

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