

REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
MONDAY MARCH 10, 2014

1. Call to Order – The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. Members Present – Dan Mitchell, Terry Knapp, Tom Fitzpatrick, John Kraft, James Brennan was present by phone
3. Approval of Agenda – James Brennan had several additions to the agenda:  
Under Communications: The Champion Twp. Master Plan is here for our information.  
Under Old Business: Add Public Hearing for the grant application for the Old bank building  
Under New Business:
  - A. By law changes for the planning commission
  - B. New member from the planning comm. to be on the zoning board of appeals
  - C. There will be a new planning comm. member next month. We will need to vote on a new chairman.Motion to approve the revised agenda was made by John Kraft, seconded by T. Knapp. All voted in favor. Motion passed.
4. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve by D. Mitchell, seconded by T. Knapp to approve the Dec. 19 minutes. All were in favor and it passed. Motion to approve the Feb. 10 minutes was made by D. Mitchell and seconded by Tom Fitzpatrick. All were in favor and this passed.
5. Public Comment – none
6. Communications – The Champion Twp. Master Plan was passed around for the committee's information. It is to be placed in the Township file
7. Committee Reports:
  - A. Recreation – no report
  - B. Community Services – The scholarship process starts in May.

C. RM School – Three more students are enrolled this year.

D. TIFA – no report

8. Zoning Administrator Report – copy attached

9. Old Business –

A. Zoning Ordinance Changes Public Hearing Date – March 20, 2014. There was discussion on this. The planning comm. has already approved these changes. No public notice has been given on these yet. The Twp. Board has already approved them.


B. Grant Application for old bank bldg. – need public hearing on the application. It will also be held on March 20. We must run the meeting.

10. New Business –

A. By Law Changes for Planning Commission – date for meeting changed to the second monday, and the number of members changed to 5. James Brennan moved to table these until the next meeting. Dan Mitchell said that we should approve these now so we won't be in non compliance with our own by laws. Motion made by John Kraft to approve these changes. This was seconded by Terry Knapp. All were in favor and the motion passed.

B. We need a planning commission member to be on the zoning board of appeals. Jim asked John Kraft and Tom Fitzpatrick if they would. They both declined. There will be a new member on the planning commission next month. We will table this until next meeting. After more discussion later, James Brennan volunteered to be the member on the zoning board of appeals. He then asked for someone would be an alternate.

 No one volunteered. This matter will be tabled until next meeting.

C.  We will vote on a new chairman next month. Dan M. brought up the fact that James Brennan should be the next chairman of the planning comm. since he has a history on it. Dan made a motion to approve James Brennan for chairman. This was seconded by John Kraft. There was a roll

call vote: Terry Knapp – Aye, Tom Fitzpatrick – Aye, John Kraft – Aye, James B. – abstain. Motion passed.

James asked about a vice chair. This was tabled until next meeting.

11. Public Comment: Dan Mitchell said that there are comments in town that if someone were to be both planning comm. chair and recreation chair, it would be too much influence.

Dan also said he is waiting two pieces of paper for the grant that Jim is working on. The process looks favorable. He is building community support for the project so it will help with the grant application.

12. Adjourn – Motion made by John Kraft, seconded by T. Knapp. All were in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

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Signature *John T Kraft* date *3-15-14*