

**REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

- 1. Call to Order** – The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:58pm.

- 2. Members Present** – James Brennan, Tom Feldhusen, Tom Fitzpatrick, John Kraft and Dan Mitchell.

- 3. Approval of Agenda** – Motion to approve by Jim Brennan, seconded by Tom Feldhusen. All in favor, motion passed.

- 4. Approval of Minutes** – Motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2014 with a correction in the spelling of Stephenson Bank by Tom Feldhusen seconded by John K. All in favor, motion carried. Motion to table the approval of minutes from the December 13, 2013 meetings by Jim Brennan, seconded by Dan Mitchell as no one brought a copy with them. All in favor, motion carried.

- 5. Public Comment** – None

- 6. Communications :**
 - a.** Motion to accept the resignation of Dan Mitchell as Chairperson as he is leaving to become Zoning Administrator by Jim Brennan, seconded by John Kraft, all in favor, motion carried
 - b.** Jim Brennan stated that a new chairperson would need to be nominated and voted on at the next meeting when he will have a monthly report for the Planning Commission to approve before it goes to Gary Johnson and the rest of the Township Board.

- 7. Committee Reports –**
 - A. Community Services:**
 - 1.** From Tom Feldhusen, this time of year they award scholarships to young students to take swimming lessons.
 - 2.** Also, they will make a contribution to the students from Republic Michigamme School who play football for Ishpeming to help them get their championship rings. This spring we will wrap up our fund drive which has been the most successful we have ever had.

B. Recreation Committee Report:

1. The minutes of the November 11, 2013 Recreation Committee need approval, motion by John K, seconded by Dan M, all in favor, motion carried. Also, we will be working to get the minutes on the website as soon as we can.
2. There is a portion of the ball field that needs to be demolished this spring as it is a liability hazard.
3. Need approval to move forward with soliciting materials, equipment and other donations for beach, park and playground. Motion Jim Brennan, seconded by John Kraft, all in favor, motion carried.
4. Need approval to put parks & campgrounds in Marquette Co. Visitors Guide, cost is \$145.00. Motion by John Kraft, seconded by Tom F., all in favor, motion carried.
5. Need \$100,000 to submit for Recreation Committee line item for Budget. Dan Mitchell suggested a power audit as some electricity costs seem high. Also need \$5,000 for Planning Commission. Motion by Dan M. for Jim Brennan to submit line item budget request to Township Board for Planning & Recreation seconded by Tom Fitzpatrick. All in favor, motion carried.
6. Munson Park, still need to sign the contract with the Architect, and a survey needs to be done. Rob Spears has put in a bid.

C. Zoning Administration's Reports:

1. Jim Brennan explained procedures for changing zoning ordinance. There was discussion.
2. Church sign ordinance revision – sign size will go from 20 square feet to 150 square feet. Motion made by Jim Brennan to approve this sign size change, seconded by Dan M., all in favor, motion carried.
3. Motion to approve working of revisions to zoning permit requirements ie: mortgage or site survey by Jim Brennan, seconded by Tom Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.

8. Old Business:

- a. Road Millage** – The Road Millage has expired, we will need to put it back on the ballot. Discussion.

9. New Business

- a. Dan Mitchell** – Will be at our meetings as Zoning Administrator and will submit reports to the Planning Commission before they go to the Township Board.

8. Public Comment – None

- 9. Adjourn** – Dan Mitchell made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom Fitzpatrick, all in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned @ 7:45 PM.

Signature

Date