

Republic Township Planning Commission Meeting

7:00 P.M. Monday, August 19, 2013

Republic Township Hall

Approved @ Sept.16 P.C. Mtg

1. Chairperson Dan Mitchell Called The Meeting To Order at 6:58 P.M.
2. Members Present: James Brennan (via telephone), Bill Bergin, Tom Feldhusen, Dan Mitchell, and Tom Sandblom. Excused: Terry Knapp (Township Zoning Administrator).
3. Bill Bergin made a motion, seconded by Tom Sandblom, to Approve the Agenda. The motion carried.
4. Jim Brennan made a motion, seconded by Bill Bergin, to Approve the Minutes of the July 22, 2013, P.C. Meeting. The motion carried.
5. Public Comment: None.
6. Correspondence: The Township Clerk has information on a Michigan State University Workshop regarding "Community Planning". The workshop will be in Escanaba. P.C. members interested in attending and getting more information, were to contact the Township Clerk.
7. Committee Reports:
 - A) Zoning Ordinance Sub Committee: Will meet when Jim Brennan gets back to town.
 - B) Parks & Recreation: Jim Brennan reported this committee has not met since the last P.C. meeting. When Jim returns home, they will schedule a meeting in September. On September 19, 2013 there is a meeting scheduled with Bill Sanders regarding Munson Park. The Township Board and P.C. will be invited to this meeting. Jim gave an update on work that needs to be completed on the Community Ball field as well as improvements that are going to be made to the Community Beach, which include sand, signage, and a plaque. Jim also indicated that the Township Board, gave approval to placing a .2 tenths of a mill tax increase (for Community Recreation Projects/Programs for three years) on the ballot for the November election. The Recreation Committee will put together a flier promoting this millage. Jim has a donor that will pay for the mailing of this flier.
 - C) Community Services: Nothing to report;
 - D) RM School: Dan Mitchell and Tom Feldhusen reported that new windows and doors have been put in at the school. Work on the school roof is now almost complete. This was made possible by the successful millage vote. Student enrollment is projected to remain about the same for this coming school year.
8. Zoning Administrator's Report: The Zoning Administrator's Report from July 15, 2013 to August 19, 2013 is attached to these minutes. Tom Sandblom made a motion, seconded by Bill Bergin, to accept the Zoning Administrator's report as written, but table the item under GENERAL – for further clarification. The motion carried.
9. Old Business:
 - A) Munson Park Project: Already Covered by Jim Brennan under Agenda Item 7-B.

- B) Fall Clean Up: Tom Feldhusen indicated that RM Students may be available to help in the Community clean up this Fall. The Township Supervisor will soon be setting a date for this event to occur.
10. New Business: Chairperson Mitchell indicated that Jennifer Tucker, from MEDC, will be at the September 2013 P.C. meeting, to share what resources MEDC has that could potentially help Republic Township. There was discussion of developing a list of Short and Long Term Capital Improvement Projects that reflect the needs of Republic Township, and presenting this to the Township Board. By law, the P.C. has to have a Capital Improvements Report, to present to the Township Board, by November of each year.
- A) Tom Feldhusen spoke about the many positive things that have been going on in our Township to enhance the image of our community. He also thanked the Parks and Recreation Committee, for the work they have done and will continue to do.
 - B) Tom Sandblom made a motion, seconded by Bill Bergin, to appoint Hilary Venn to the Parks and Recreation Committee. The motion carried.
 - C) Dan Mitchell will be working with CUPPAD to redo the Township Map on the Zoning.
 - D) There was discussion on the remaining \$130,000 left over from the Road Millage Election; the Road Condition Situation in the Township, TIFFA, and Wetlands that CCI was going to give to Republic Township.
11. Public Comment: None
12. Tom Sandblom made a motion, seconded by Bill Bergin, to Adjourn the meeting at 7:48 P.M. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Bergin, Recording Secretary