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Republic Township Planning Commission Meeting

7:00 P.M Monday, December 10, 2012

Republic Township Hall

1. Chairperson Dan Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.
2. Members Present: James Brennan (via telephone), Bill Bergin, Tom Feldhusen, Dan Mitchell, Tom Sandblom and Terry Knapp (Zoning Administrator).
3. Tom Sandblom made a motion that was seconded by Bill Bergin to approve the agenda. The motion passed.
4. Minutes for the following meetings were approved. 1) Tom Sandblom made a motion that was seconded by Bill Bergin, to approve the minutes of the Planning Commission (P.C.) Public Hearing on April 16, 2012. The motion Passed; 2) Tom Feldhusen made a motion that was seconded by Tom Sandblom, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2012 Regular P.C. meeting. The motion passed; 3) Dan Mitchell made a motion that was seconded by Bill Bergin, to approve the minutes of the P. C. Open Public Hearing held on October 15, 2012. The motion Passed; 4) Bill Bergin made a motion that was seconded by Tom Sandblom, to approve the minutes of the Regular P.C. meeting held on October 15, 2012. The motion Passed; 5) Dan Mitchell made a motion that was seconded by Tom Feldhusen, to approve the minutes of the P.C. Munson Park Hearing Meeting held on September 26, 2012. The motion Passed; 6) Tom Sandblom made a motion that was seconded by Jim Brennan, to approve the P.C. Special Meeting held on October 17, 2012. The motion passed.
5. Communications: Dan Mitchell referenced a communication he received from the Township Supervisor, regarding opportunities for grant money up to \$1,500.00 for Non-Profit Arts Organizations. Tom Sandblom suggested this information be brought to the attention of the Heritage Gardens. Dan Mitchell will pass this information on to the Heritage Gardens.
Chairperson Mitchell referenced a letter he received, from the former Township Treasurer regarding "Neighborhood Renewal and Cleanup". Everyone liked the concept of a community wide clean up day, but concerns were expressed that there is no ordinance that can be enforced to deal with people who would not comply with this program. Tom Feldhusen volunteered to touch base with the RM Public School, and see if there would be interest in Student Community Service, to help with a voluntary Community Wide Clean Up Program. Tom will report back to the P.C. at a later meeting. If there is interest, then the P.C. would sit down and put together a Voluntary Community Wide Clean Up Day. Dan Mitchell also gave the P.C an update on a situation in the community that the Marquette County Sheriff Department is now handling.
6. Committee Reports: Chairperson Mitchell distributed a packet entitled, Republic Township 2012-2017 Recreation Plan. The information in this packet was prepared by the Republic Township Recreation Committee. Jim Brennan updated P.C. members on the progress the committee has made, along with timelines that will have to be met, regarding a Public Hearing on the Plan, Bids, as well as meetings with the DEQ and Project Engineers, and the final Five Year Plan being sent to the DNR.

After the P.C. members reviewed the document, Tom Sandblom made a motion, that was seconded by Tom Feldhusen, to approve the Republic Township 2012-2017 Recreation Plan. There was a Roll Call vote on the motion.

<u>P.C Member</u>	<u>Roll Call Vote on the Motion</u>
Jim Brennan	Yes
Bill Bergin	Yes
Tom Feldhusen	Yes
Dan Mitchell	Yes
Tom Sandblom	Yes

The motion passed on a 5-0 vote in favor of the Republic Township 2012-2017 Recreation Plan.

Community Services: Tom Feldhusen reported the Community Christmas party for the youth, will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2012 from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. Community Christmas Baskets will be prepared on December 19, 2012, in the Township Hall.

RM School: Tom Feldhusen reported that the new Boiler was fired up at the school. It is working well. Feldhusen also indicated that the new lighting in the school is spectacular. It is all motion sensitive. School officials are very grateful to the community for approving the upgrades. Tom also reported that school enrollment had increased slightly this year, and that there were three student-athletes, from RM, that played on the Ishpeming Division 7 State Championship Football team. Under the State Co-Op Agreement between districts, this is permissible.

7. Zoning Administrator's Report: Terry Knapp presented his Zoning Administrator Report from November 12, 2012 to December 10, 2012. That report is attached to these minutes. At the conclusion of the report, Tom Sandblom made a motion, that was seconded by Bill Bergin, to accept the Zoning Administrator's Report as presented and printed.. The motion passed.
8. Old Business: None.
9. New Business: There was discussion on the Camping Ordinance. Dan Mitchell informed the P.C. that he revisited the ordinance, and made the changes that he felt were necessary. He submitted the document (camping ordinance), to the Township Supervisor. The Township Supervisor has passed the document on to the Township Zoning Administrator to review.
10. Public Comment: None.
11. Adjourn: Tom Sandblom made a motion, that was seconded by Bill Bergin, to adjourn the meeting . The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Bergin, Recording Secretary

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DATE: December 10, 2012
TO: Republic Township Board
ATTN: Ms. Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk
FROM: Terry D. Knapp, Zoning Administrator
RE: Zoning Administrator's Report from November 12, 2012 to December 10, 2012

ZONING COMPLIANCE PERMITS ISSUED:

None

ZONING COMPLIANCE PERMITS DENIED:

None

ZONING VIOLATION:

12-7-12 – Jeff & Linda Chappa - Deck construction – 739 Kloman Ave.
2nd Letter sent stating that a Zoning Compliance Permit is required.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

11-11-12 – Received notice that P.C. meeting changed to 11-26-12
11-26-12 – P.C. meeting could not be held - lack of quorum.
December P.C. meeting to be held 12-10-12.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

None

GENERAL:

12-5-12 – Met with land owner in section 29, previously mining property.
Existing zoning of MR doesn't allow residential development, private land owners may petition for zoning change to RR.

Sincerely,



Terry D. Knapp, Zoning Administrator
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