

# DRAFT

Republic Township Planning Commission  
7:15 P.M. Monday, October 15, 2012  
Republic Township Hall

1. Chairperson Dan Mitchell called the regular meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.
2. Members Present: James Brennan, Bill Bergin, Tom Feldhusen, Dan Mitchell, Tom Sandblom and Terry Knapp (Township Zoning Administrator).
3. Bill Bergin made a motion that was seconded by Tom Sandblom to approve the agenda, with the note to change the date from September 17, 2012 to October 15, 2012 on the agenda. The motion passed.
4. Bill Bergin made a motion, that was seconded by Jim Brennan, to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2012 Planning Commission Meeting. The motion passed.
5. Communications: Chairperson Mitchell indicated there have been some charges filed against the P.C., and individuals on the P.C., related to fraud and deceit. Mitchell emphasized that he wanted all P.C. members to understand the seriousness of these charges. He went on to indicate that he hoped those who were making these charges, would be polite enough to come forward and address the P.C. Mitchell indicated that if no one were to come forward, then this P.C. would treat this information as rumors, and would dismiss it. Mitchell then asked if anyone in the audience had any questions regarding what he just said. No one responded. Mitchell then shared that he was going to start a lawsuit. His personal lawsuit would be for slander. He indicated that that slander case will come from false minutes issued on the TIFA.
6. Committee Reports:
  - A) Ordinance Sub Committee: Chairperson Mitchell indicated this committee did not meet on September 25, 2012. This committee will meet on Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. in the Republic Township Hall.
  - B) Parks & Recreation:
    1. Ball Park: Jim Brennan gave the P.C. an update on the work being done on the Ball Park and Concession Stand.
    2. Recreational Grant: We have to present a Five Year Recreational Plan to the Township Board. The Board will review the plan, then post it publicly for 30 days, for public review and comment. The Five Year Plan will then go back to the Township Board for their final review and approval. By March 1, 2013 the Five Year Recreational Plan has to be completed. A grant to the DNR for the Five Year Plan, must be written and submitted by April 1, 2013. We will not find out until December of 2013, if our Grant Application for the Five Year Recreational Plan has been approved by the DNR Trust Fund.
    3. Five Year Recreation Plan: Jim Brennan reminded the P.C. that there is a Recreation Committee that will be making a recommendation for Munson Park improvements to include Fire Rings; Electricity and Water on Site; a Dump Station and a Rest Room and Shower. Jim then indicated the Recreation Committee would be meeting on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 5:00 P.M. in the Township Hall, to finalize the Five Year Recreation Plan,

then move that recommended plan directly to the Township Board. that way we could get the 30 day notice of the plan out to the public and still remain in the correct Grant timeline guides. Jim Brennan then made a motion that was seconded by Bill Bergin, to have the Recreation Committee meet on October 17, 2012 at 5:00 P.M. in the Township Hall to finalize the Five Year Recreation Plan and send it to the Township Board. The motion passed.

- C) **Community Services:** Tom Feldhusen indicated that the Fund Drive is now underway for Community Services annual funding. They are beginning to plan for the holidays and annual Christmas Party for the children in our community.
- D) **RM School:** Tom Feldhusen indicated he spoke with the Auditor, and the school is in good shape financially, and will have a Fund Balance. The student head count also came in a little higher than projected.
- E) **Munson Park/School Lake Committee:** Jim Brennan reported that this committee has seven members, with a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and a Secretary. They have met and are working on ideas for improvements to the area.

7. Zoning Administrator's Report: Terry Knapp's report will be attached to the minutes.

At the conclusion of Terry Knapp's report Wulf McNeill was recognized by Chairman Mitchell. McNeill indicated: "I just wanted to point out, as Secretary of the Recreation Committee, that we were instructed by Chairperson Jim Brennan, to only discuss Munson Park." Chairperson Mitchell indicated this would be noted. Mitchell also requested Terry Knapp to continue monitor the Isom situation.

8. Old Business:

- A) **Zoning Ordinance Review Committee Update:** Nothing To Report;
- B) **Review of The Camping Ordinance:** The Township Attorney has some concerns regarding the wording, in parts of the Camping Ordinance. Dan Mitchell is now reviewing this Camping Ordinance to correct the language issues expressed by the Township Attorney.
- C) **Town Meeting:** Dan Mitchell reported the P.C. held a Town Meeting on September 20, 2012, to discuss Munson Park. Sixteen people attended this meeting. Some very good ideas were put forth. Mitchell indicated, "The hope is to have this project put to bed by the end of the year".

9. New Business:

Tom Sandblom made a motion to recommend to the Republic Township Board, that they seek three bids to conduct the engineering portion of the Munson Park Project. This will be required for submittal of any grant applications. Dan Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**10. Public Comment on Agenda Items:**

Three members of the Republic Community addressed the P.C. They were Wulf McNeill, Paula Rose and Aaron Wickstrom. Glen VanNess, a surveyor for Aaron Wickstrom, also addressed the P.C.

**11. Adjourn: Tom Feldhusen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Bergin seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bill Bergin, Recording Secretary

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk  
Steve Koski, Trustee

Gary Johnson, Supervisor 376-8139

Faye Ann Mattila, Treasurer  
Tom Feldhusen, Trustee

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**DATE:** October 15, 2012  
**TO:** Republic Township Board  
**ATTN:** Ms. Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk  
**FROM:** Terry D. Knapp, Zoning Administrator  
**RE:** Zoning Administrator's Report from September 17, 2012 to October 15, 2012

**ZONING COMPLIANCE PERMITS ISSUED:**

10-10-12 – Tara Williams – New Dwelling – 747 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Issued ZCP #21-2012

**ZONING COMPLIANCE PERMITS DENIED:**

None

**ZONING VIOLATION:**

None

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

09-21-12 – Holtrop Properties - Operating Resort in RR – 8797 Hwy M95  
Legal Notice of hearing published and sent to adjacent property owners.  
Conditional Use Hearing scheduled for 10-15-12

10-08-12 – Received draft minutes of 09-17-12 PC meeting.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:**

None

**GENERAL:**

09-17-12 - Property blight complaint – Island Lake – Section 27  
Site inspection to be scheduled with Bill DeGenaro.

10-10-12 – Tara Williams – Land Division – Parent Parcel #52-12-006-20-00  
Pending

Sincerely,



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