

Republic Township Planning Commission Meeting  
7:00 P.M. Monday, October 21, 2013  
Republic Township Hall  
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1. Chairperson Dan Mitchell Called The Meeting To Order at 6:59 P.M.
2. Members Present: James Brennan, Bill Bergin, Tom Feldhusen, Dan Mitchell, Tom Sandblom and Terry Knapp (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 Tom Sandblom, to Approve the September 19, 2013 P.C. Minutes. The motion carried.
5. Public Comment:
  - A) Mark Antilla addressed the P.C. and expressed concern/frustration regarding a required land survey on a parcel of property he owns.
6. Correspondence: Dan Mitchell reported that he received a communication from the Marquette County Planning Department indicating that they cannot find our Township Master Plan. Dan will forward this communication on to our Township Supervisor. Mitchell also received another communication from the Marquette County Planning Department indicating the approval for Re-Zoning of Sections 30 and 31, and Sections 29 and 32 (the Dave Holli Split). Jim Brennan communicated with the Mining Journal regarding an upcoming article in the paper, in support of the November 5<sup>th</sup> Recreational Millage Ballot Proposal.
7. Committee Reports:
  - A) Zoning Ordinance Sub Committee: This committee met on October 9, 2013. Jim Brennan made a motion, seconded by Tom Feldhuisen, to approve the minutes of Township Ordinance Sub-Committee (that each P.C. member received). There was a Role-Call Vote on the motion. Jim Brennan: Yes; Bill Bergin: Yes; Tom Feldhusen: Yes; Dan Mitchell: Yes; Tom Sandblom: Yes; The motion carried.  
Jim Brennan then reviewed the Ordinances under consideration for change. Dan Mitchell then made a motion, seconded by Tom Sandblom, to move the Ordinance Process on to the next level. The motion carried.  
  
Brennan then reviewed Ordinance 41.186. Tom Sandblom made a motion, seconded by Jim Brennan, to publish this Ordinance in the Mining Journal and then schedule a Public Hearing at the November 11, 2013 P.C. meeting. The motion carried.
  - B) Parks & Recreation: Jim Brennan reviewed a Recreation Millage Request Letter that will be sent out to all registered voters, before the November 5, 2013 election. Brennan also gave updates on the Community Ball Park, the Heritage Trail, and indicated the Recreation Committee is waiting on the result

of the Munson Park Grant. Dan Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Bill Bergin, to approve the Minutes of the Recreation Committee for April 15, 2013; May 20, 2013; June 10, 2013; June 20, 2013 and Sept. 16, 2013. The motion carried. Bill Bergin then made a motion, seconded by Tom Sandblom, to approve the letter of distribution for the Recreation Millage. The motion carried.

- C) Community Services: Tom Feldhusen reported on the Officers for the coming year and the successful fundraising efforts that will benefit the young people and seniors in our community. Tom also spoke about the opportunity some of our Township veterans received to attend the World War 11 Memorial Celebration.
  - D) RM School: Tom Feldhusen reported student enrollment is up slightly. Jim Brennan reviewed a communication he presented to the RM School Board, from the Recreation Committee, concerning: 1) Student Community Service Hours; 2) A Soccer Field; 3) Support for .2 of a mill for the Recreational Millage. Jim also spoke about the Fall Clean Up.
  - E) Tom Sandblom made a motion, supported by Bill Bergin, to appoint Tracy McNeill to the Recreation Committee. The motion carried.
8. Zoning Administrator's Report: The Zoning Administrator's Report from September 16, 2013 to October 21, 2013 is attached to these minutes. Jim Brennan pointed out that all Township Land Division Requests, must be brought to the Planning Commission for Approval, according to the Township Ordinance. Chairperson Mitchell also pointed out that our Township Ordinance requires this. Dan Mitchell then made a motion, seconded by Jim Brennan, to approve the Zoning Administrator's report. The motion carried.
- A) Aaron Wixstrom addressed the P.C. regarding concerns on the following issues:
    - Wording of the Township Zoning Permit Application language;
    - Boundary Surveys;
    - Delays in Building Construction Time Lines due to the Township Ordinances;
- Chairperson Mitchell called for a P.C. Zoning Ordinance Sub-Committee to address concerns raised this evening, regarding the present Township Zoning Ordinance. Dan Mitchell, Jim Brennan, and Bill Bergin volunteered to sit on this committee. They will report back to the P.C. at the November 11, 2013 meeting.
9. Adjourn: Bill Bergin made a motion, seconded by Tom Sandblom, to Adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bill Bergin, Recording Secretary