

Republic Township Planning Commission Meeting

7:00 P.M. Monday, September 17, 2012

Republic Township Hall

1. The meeting was Called To Order by Chairperson Dan Mitchell at 6:58 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 James Brennan, to Approve The Agenda with one addition; to approve the minutes of the Open Public Hearing that the P.C. held on July 16, 2012. The motion passed.
4. It was moved by James Brennan and seconded by Tom Sandblom to Approve The Minutes of the regularly scheduled P.C. meeting on September 17, 2012. The motion passed. Bill Bergin then made a motion that was seconded by Dan Mitchell, to Approve The Minutes of the Open Public Hearing Meeting the P.C. held on July 16, 2012. The motion passed.
5. Public Comment: None.
6. Communications: Dan Mitchell received a communication from Township Supervisor, Gary Johnson, informing him that Faye Ann Mattila, is the appropriate contact person for the P.C. regarding scheduling meetings of the Ordinance Subcommittee. Mr. Johnson does not serve on this committee, and does not want it to appear in the P.C. minutes that he has been neglectful in not scheduling meetings of the Ordinance Subcommittee (of which he is not a member).
7. Committee Reports:
 - A) Ordinance Sub Committee: Dan Mitchell and Jim Brennan indicated this committee will meet on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. in the Township Hall.
 - B) Parks and Recreation: Jim Brennan reported that "We got our funding." The Township Board has given us approval to begin work on the ball field, whenever we want. In April, of 2013, Jim will have more information on this project to share with the P.C. Jim also reminded the P.C. that April 1, 2013 is the deadline to submit Recreation Grants to the DNR.

There was discussion on the pavilion at the ballpark. Tom Sandblom made a motion that was seconded by Jim Brennan, to have the township Volunteer Fire Department, take on the project of removing the pavilion from the ball park. The motion passed.
 - C) Community Services: Tom Feldhusen reported that this group did not meet during the summer, but is scheduled to meet on Thursday, September 20, 2012.
 - D) RM School: Dan Mitchell and Tom Feldhusen reported that the construction projects at the school are going exceedingly well, thanks to the successful community Bond Vote for the RM school. They are ahead of the construction schedule and the school budget is in the black. Tom Feldhusen reported that the RM schools had more students enrolled than they projected, and this means more state aid because of the increased student head count.

8. Zoning Administrator's Report: The report is attached to the minutes. (Bill Bergin thanked Terry Knapp publicly for his help in guiding the Zoning Board Of Appeals through a recent meeting, and providing all parties information on the Township Ordinances and State Requirements.)

Tom Sandblom expressed concerns about the Harsala residence located on Island Lake.

9. Old Business:

- A) Zoning Ordinance Review Committee Update: Dan Mitchell reported that he is going through the Zoning Ordinances, and finding many typing errors that will have to be corrected before bringing the document back to the P.C. for an annual review.
- B) Review Of The Camping Ordinance: Terry Knapp, Township Zoning Administrator, will be giving the Zoning Ordinance Review Committee important information on the Camping Ordinance.
- C) Town Meeting, Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. to discuss the future of Munson Park. Dan Mitchell indicated the purpose of the meeting is to gather information from interested individuals and groups, for creating a master plan for the development of Munson Park/School Lake area.

10. New Business: None.

11. Public Comment: None

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Bergin, Recording Secretary