

**REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015**

1. **Call to Order** – The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. **Members Present** –Tom Feldhusen, Tom Sandblom, John Kraft and Liz Hangas and Tara Williams. Dan Mitchell was present as Zoning Administrator.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Motion to approve by Tom Sandblom, seconded by John Kraft. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes** – Motion to approve the minutes of June 22, 2015 Regular Meeting and the June 22, 2015 Public Hearing. Motion by John Kraft, seconded by Tom Sandblom for the Regular Meeting, All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Tom Sandblom to approve the Public Hearing minutes, seconded by Liz Hangas, all in favor, motion carried.
5. **Public Comment** – None
6. **Zoning Administrator's Report:** Report is attached. Dan also discussed that Chief Lake Wilderness Youth Camp Conditional Use Permit will be set to expire on September 9<sup>th</sup>, so I will be meeting with them to determine where everything stands and where we go from here. I have been there quarterly and I have visited them 5 times this year. They have complied so far with all of the conditions save one and that one is out of their control; their funding source. They have someone on board as a Board Member who will be overseeing and searching for funding opportunities and she is moving forward with ideas. Because of scheduling conflicts I was not able to meet with them until very recently. Because they have been working hard to meet our conditions, I'm recommending to the Planning Commission to renew their Conditional use permit for 12 months as written and item 8, which is what deals with financing be extended for 2 years. Motion to extend the Conditional Use Permit for the Chief Lake Wilderness Youth Camp as discussed by Liz Hangas, seconded by Tom Sandblom, motion carried.
7. **Committee Reports:**
  - A. Wetlands Trail – Liz Hangas stated IOHT will be doing an official ribbon cutting/grand opening of our leg of the trail on September 26, 2015 at 11:00. There will be a biking/hiking event that day, some tents with folks from biking shops, some physical therapists with advice on proper stretching etc. Liz has contacted the

Governor's office etc to see if we can get some publicity for this. Will ask the Township if they would help with a coffee/pop/water station for that day.

- B. Tom Sandblom said that the candidate he was working with to possibly put in a gas station/convenience store has died, so we need to look in another direction.

**8. Old Business/New Business:**

- A. About the Mobile Vendor Ordinance we need to look over the Hawkers/Peddlers Ordinance to make sure that these two do not overlap. This is going to require some discussion as all of the ordinances need to be reviewed again. Tara is communicating with the Township Attorney to see where this needs to go.
- B. Liz has contacted the Marquette County Convention Bureau, they do not do pamphlets for free, there is a minimum \$100.00 charge for this, there is a group who will help with putting a pamphlet together, but we are working on it. We may look into another printing group that might be less expensive.
- C. Liz talked about putting the Chicken Coop in as members in the West End Chamber of Commerce, should she check into what needs to be done to put in the fact that this is also the Welcome Center for the Trail Head of the IOHT. Yes.

**9. Public Comment –**

**Ikey Todd  
Jim Brennan  
Dan Mitchell**

- 10. Adjourn -** Chairperson Williams adjourned the meeting @ 7:59 PM.

*E. Emborgas*                      *10-2-15*  
**Signature**    **Date**