

**REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2015**

Final

1. **Call to Order** – The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. **Members Present** –Tom Feldhusen, Tom Sandblom, John Kraft and Liz Hargas, and Chair Tara Williams. Dan Mitchell was present as Zoning Administrator.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Motion to approve agenda for November 23, 2015 by Tom Sandblom; Second by Liz Hargas. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes** – Copies of minutes from October 26, 2015 meeting were not available and thus not approved.
5. **Public Comment** – None
6. **Zoning Administrator's Report:** Mr. Mitchell reported that activity has been slow - 2 zoning permits and 5 land divisions. He also reports that there are currently 56 vacant homes on the market. Several are on schedule via grant for tear down.
7. **Committee Reports:**

Hargas reported about investigation into joint EMS with Humboldt and Champion. She reported that Humboldt does not have an EMS service and that the geographic areas involved makes it unfeasible for Champion to serve Republic Township and that Ishpeming is as likely to respond more quickly to Republic than Champion.

Tom Sandblom reported about the requirements for Certified EMS personnel and 1st responder classes. Certified EMS requires \$1300/person and a class of at least 10 people. There is a class starting on 12/8/15 and lasts for several weeks (2 evenings per week and 2 Saturdays) but it was thought that that time frame is too soon to engage in a letter drive for members. The first responder course is \$700 and is a 2-week class.

Mitchell noted that at one time the thought of a triage center near 95-41 junction had been discussed to serve as a location for emergency services/dispatch. Liz will look into whether anything has occurred on that front.

Re Fire Service Tom Sandblom reports that Humboldt doesn't see any particular need to partner as their personnel has said that they respond to Republic Township calls anyway without any formal partnership in place.

Extended discussion about potential grant sources. We will refer to the Master Plan to assist in guiding our efforts in obtaining grants for Township enhancements.

8. Old Business/New Business:

- A. Motion made by Liz Hargas to move next meeting to 12/14/15 so we can submit our recommendations to Board on Board meeting on 12/17/15. Kraft Second; all in favor.
- B. Williams reminded about the budget process. Kraft has received no input from DPW about capital improvements. Williams asked everyone to forward the budget requirements to her and she will consolidate for review at the Planning Commission's next meeting

9. Public Comment

- A. It was noted that November 23rd meeting had not been noticed, that it was shown as TBD.
- B. It was noted that since the reorganization of the Recreation Committee there has been no planning commission member involved in the campground grant. If progress is not on target the Township would risk losing the grant. Kraft agreed to follow up and be involved in keeping up to date on that project.
- C. It was noted that a TIFA meeting is being held and planning commission might be interested in attending. Conflicting information if meeting on 11/24 or 12/1.

10. Adjourn - Chairperson Williams adjourned the meeting @ 8:14 PM.


Signature

11-25-15
Date