

**REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015**

FINAL

1. **Call to Order:** Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:04pm
2. **Members Present:** Liz Hargas, Tom Feldhusen, John Kraft and Tara Williams. Dan Mitchell was present as Zoning Administrator. Tom Sandblom arrived at 7:10pm.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Liz Hargas, seconded by John Kraft
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the November 23, 2015 minutes by Liz Hargas seconded by Tom Felhusen. All in favor, motion carried. October 26, 2015 minutes not available for approval.
5. **Public Comment:** Jim Brennan
6. **Zoning Administrator's Report:** No report. Comment by Dan Mitchell regarding need of Planning Commission to review and approve current by-laws and ordinances by end of April 2016. Tara suggested review be done by committee.
7. **Committee Reports:**

John Kraft spoke with Sanderson regarding the submission of proposal for campground. Open meeting to be 12/18/15 at 10am. Grant from Cliffs/Eagle mine needs to be used by 6/16 or we will lose it. This is the money the Township is using for match money.

Liz commented on grant available from Western Marquette County Health Foundation for programs related to critical health indicators. Grant is due by April 1, 2016. Liz will check into the relevance to the township's master plan, if this falls into the objectives of the plan.
8. **Old Business:**
 - A. 5 year budget plans - EMS projected budget is conditional on new membership.
Fire Dept. In need of 5 backpacks at approx. 8,000. each.
Cemetery-Road repair, GPS locator and ongoing servicing of grounds at approx. 5,000. over next 5 years
DPW - Backhoe within 5 years at cost of approx. 125,000.
General Township - renovation of building for office space and conference room at 80 - 120,000 over 1 - 2 years.
Motion to approve for submission to board by John Kraft seconded by Tom Sandblom.
All in favor, motion carried.

B. Proposed Mobile Vending Ordinance - Tara stated that the location of the mobile vendings impact zoning it needs to be amendment to the zoning ordinance. To the extent of the licencing, the mode of operation, the policing, etc.; that is a township ordinance. To the extent it is the use of public land by a private concern, there should be some type of agreement/license in place. Tara will work on how to structure this. The current Hawkers and Peddlers ordinance should be amended for clarification. Tara suggested a committee to work on this. Liz will help with this. Motion to bring this proposal to board by Liz Hangan seconded by Tom Sandblom. All in favor, motion carried.

9. New Business:



A. Revision to Planning Commission By Laws - Suggested by Tara to revise the by laws to better suit a small township body. Tara will work on this. Motion by Liz seconded by John Kraft. All in favor, motion carried.

B. 2016 PC - Chair & Meeting Schedule - Tara will step down as Chairperson at the end of her term, but finish work on her agreed upon matters. John Kraft made the motion for PC meetings to be held on the second Monday of the month starting 2/16, seconded by Liz Hangan. All in favor, motion carried.

C. Republic/Spur of Railroad - Terry Knapp gave report on meeting between the townships of Republic & Humboldt

10. Public Comment:

11. Adjourn:

Signature Date