

Don Tapio, Vice Chair
Tom Feldhusen
John Kraft

Martin Oakley, Chairperson

Gary Johnson, Secretary
Frank Haslip
Tom Sandblom

**REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Draft Minutes for 09/11/2017 regular meeting.

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Chairperson M. Oakley at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was taken.

The record will show that M. Oakley, T. Feldhusen, J. Kraft, F Haslip and G. Johnson were in **attendance**. D. Tapio & T. Sandblom were absent and excused.

3. **Agenda was approved** after a request by F Haslip to include discussion on Gravel Pit Ordinances. Motion by J. Kraft, supported T. Feldhusen.

4-. **Minutes of the -PC Meeting of 08/14/2017, 2017:** Motion by g. Johnson, supported by J. Kraft, to approve the minutes. Carried.

5. **Reports:**

A: **Zoning Administrator's** report: Received. Also was verbally updated, one new permit issued for a structure to be completed this year.

B. **Rec Committee** did not meet. Chair reported the brochures will be ready by the end of the month.

C. **PC Chairman's report:** Northern's internet service is up and running.

6. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **Recreation Plan.** The Chair asked for subcommittee volunteers to work on the Rec Plan. J. Kraft and F. Haslip agreed to be part of the committee with Chairman Oakley.

B. **Economic Development.** F. Haslip reported one individual is still on the fence on the gas station idea.

C. **Ordinance Change.** Marquette County Planning Commission unanimously approved the updated Zoning Ordinance amendment for Recreational Vehicles. Also, the Township Attorney saw no reason to alter the proposed update.. The Planning Commission, after a motion by F. Haslip, supported by T. Feldhusen, and a roll call vote, unanimously approved the information for file, and forwarded the information to the Township Board for their action.

The current Township Police Power Ordinance is enforceable.

The Chair additionally asked the existing Rec Ordinance committee to meet one more time to review additional input.

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7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **James Lindholm addressed the P.C.** on the problems he's having getting the permit issues resolved concerning the mobile home he sited on his property on Chief Lake Rd. Also brought up a possible conflict between the Right To Farm Act, and the Township's Zoning Ordinance Requirements.

By consensus of the Planning Commission, nothing can be done at this time.

B. The **Coffee Deed issue** was addressed in two parts:

a. Is the proposed land use allowed under the Zoning Ordinance? Motion by G. Johnson, supported by J. Kraft, to report to the Township Board the proposed use of the property, as a gravel pit, is a permitted use for the property, which is zoned Mineral Resources.

b. Does the Deed conferring the parcel to the Township allow the use of the property for a gravel pit? By consensus the Planning Commission Board does not have authority in this area, and recommends the Township Board refer this to the Township Attorneys who previously wrote legal opinions on the issue.

C.. On a motion by F. Haslip, supported by M. Oakley, **a three (3) minute Public Comment time limit** will be placed on all future Planning Commission Meetings.

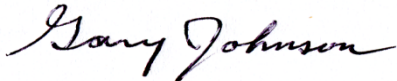
8. PUBLIC COMMENT TOPICS:

Questions were raised about wording in the previous minutes. Public Comment is not transcribed verbatim, nor are individuals identified. One single composition is made of all comments made on an individual topic.

The question was asked, is the current Township Police Power Ordinance for Recreational Vehicles actionable? Yes.

9. ADJOURNMENT: The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,



Gary Johnson, Secretary.