

## REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION Minutes – June 13, 2016 - APPROVED

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### CUPPAD Training Monday June 13, 2016, 6:30 PM.

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Training took place albeit beginning late at 6:54 PM and went well.

**1. Call to Order** at 8:09 PM.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll call:** Ms. Maze, Mr. Sandblom, Mr. Feldhusen, Mr. Kraft, Mr. Richter, Mr. Nannestad. Mr. Mitchell, Zoning Administrator.

**A. Ms. Hangas resigned.** Brief discussion. The Chair asked for a volunteer secretary.

There was no response. No action taken.

**4. Approval of Agenda.** As presented, motion by Mr. Sandblom, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Kraft. Motion passed by voice vote.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

**A. PC Minutes May 9, 2016.** As presented, motion by Ms. Maze, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Feldhusen. Motion passed by voice vote.

**B. Rec Minutes May 4, 2016.** As presented, motion by Mr. Kraft, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Sandblom, Amendment to the motion by Mr. Nannestad, adding the word, "**Unacceptable**" to the motion to approve, for the Rec Comm. phase under #5,a. "*Republic Beach-Motion by Jim Brennan 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jake Spear to leave the painting of beach building as is with the color to the letters. Discussion: Looks more visible, easier to read for drivers by. All in favor AYE.*" ...2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Richter, The amendment to the motion passed by voice vote. The motion for the Rec minutes passed by voice vote.

**6. Public Comment** – None.

**7. Reports.**

**A. Zoning Administrator's Report.** Mr. Mitchell hand out a letter he drafted addressed to the Republic Township Board (RTB). Discussion occurred. Motion by Mr. Sandblom to forward Mr. Mitchell's letter to the RTB with a request for the RTB to provide a reply to the Republic Planning Commission within 15 days after their next meeting RTB Meeting. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Kraft. Motion passed by voice vote. Mr. Mitchell provided added information of his activities during the previous 30 days. No other action took place.

**B. Ordinances Review.....Mr. Brennan.** In his absence, Mr. Brennan provided a hand written report. No action taken

**C. Fire/EMS/TIFA....Ms. Maze.** Ms. Maze reported the fire meeting in Ishpeming fell through due to absence of the primary speaker. Then, Ms. Maze reported the current status of the TIFA is unchanged from the report in the newsletter Jun 4, 2016. No action taken.

**D. Recreation Committee....Mr. Spear.** In his absence, Mr. Brennan provided a hand written report. No action taken.

**E. Chairman's Report**

**1. Information Requests:**

a. Northern Lights Campground/Munson Park Project.

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- b. Old Bank Building Project.
- c. Rail Line rejuvenation Project.
- d. Republic Mountain Lake mining project.
- e. Sewer Project.
- f. Town Hall room project.
- g. Moto-cross track.

Mr. Nannestad, gave a brief report, there was discussion. No action taken.

**2. Color coding assessors maps.-** Mr. Nannestad, reported many typos and a meeting June 7<sup>th</sup> seemly resolved the issues. No action taken.

**3. RTB action on May's request by the PC.**

**a. ZO Amendment, Mobile Vending.-**The RTB took no action.

**b. PC By-laws.** The RTB took no action.

**c. Cond Use Permit.** The RTB took no action.

Mr. Nannestad, gave a brief report, indicating the RTB has a problem with documents submitted by the PC. There was discussion. No action taken.

**4. June 1 Rec Comm. Motions to pass through.---** Mr. Brennen has requested the Planning Commission pass through their motions listed in their June 1<sup>st</sup> minutes to the RTB. The motions are listed under 5.a., (*"Motion to file for a permit to township board by Jim Brennen 1<sup>st</sup> Jake Spear 2<sup>nd</sup> All in favor. Motion carried."*) and 5.c., (*"Motion by Jim Brennen 1<sup>st</sup> Jake Spear 2<sup>nd</sup> to ask township board to let Mike Todd sign for needs on ballfield and horseshoe court from True Value. All in favor? Motion carried."*)...Motion to pass through to the RTB without a recommendation, by Mr. Sandblom, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Feldhusen, Motion passed by voice vote.

**8. Old Business**

A. Jul 11<sup>th</sup> ....at 6:30 PM for CUPPAD training.—Discussion occurred. Consensus agreement to delay the next CUPPAD training to August. The July 11 PC meeting will be at the normal time of 7:00 PM.

**9. New Business**

**A. Action items**

1. Z O corrections.—tabled by the chair due to the late hour.

**10. Announcements and Public Comment—none.**

**11. Adjournment**—Motion to adjourn by Ms. Maze, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Kraft. Motion passed by voice vote at 8:50 PM.

Sincerely,

  
Frederick Nannestad, Chairman  
Republic Township Planning Commission,  
July 11, 2016-Approved.

**Attachments:**

- 1. Mr. Mitchell's letter.
- 2. Rec Comm May 4, 2016 approved minutes.
- 3. Rec Comm June 1, 2016 draft minutes.

Republic Township Board  
P.O.Box 338  
Republic MI 49879

June 13, 2016

Dear Board Members:

In response to the packet of information given by Mr. Johnson to Mr. Nannastad at the last regularly scheduled meeting there are several areas that deserve comment.

**THE MOBILE VENDING AMENDMENT:** This was presented to the Board in 2014 and rejected as being a "police ordinance". Consequent discussions led to the former Chair of the Planning Commission indicating that she would undertake the job of re-writing it clearly. The Planning Commission resubmitted it in April of 2016 to draw attention to the issue. That never happened. Now the MTA attorney has indicated that she is in agreement with the board's view. The view taken by others has been that this is an enforcement issue dealing with land use issues not policing issues

This leads to an interesting scenario as the Township is in need of revisions and in some cases complete re-writes of its ordinances. Included in these are:

Much needed is an Ordinance to regulate the Township Campgrounds. With the construction of the New Campground at Munson Park it is critical that regulations be in place before it opens.

The Blight Ordinance—it requires additional wording to address the issue of grass cutting.

Noise Ordinance—it requires a measurable standard by which to enforce the ordinance.

Junk Ordinance—it requires additional wording to clarify the location of junk automobiles and the type of screening required to shield them from view; and of course the formation of a Mobile vending Ordinance.

There are several other general ordinances that require attention and revision as well. I am recommending the RTB take this matter under advisement and establish as schedule for completion of the necessary changes in a reasonable time (6 months).

With regard to the question regarding the Zoning Enforcement Officer, all current activity will cease immediately, including the enforcement of the Blight and

Junk/Junk automobile campaign that has been successful in cleaning up the area.

The issue becomes even more difficult when Ms Maulhaupt, the MTA attorney, indicates that the enforcement of these ordinances is improbable unless there is a Zoning Enforcement Officer and in her opinion there is none.

Regardless of the situation there needs to be a clearly defined set of guidelines for this position, what it includes, who it reports to and a consistent pay scale as well as procedures for implementing the actions taken by the ZEO.

I am asking the Republic township Planning Commission to support this letter in order to inform more people of the current situation and action needed to make Republic a better community in which to live.

Sincerely,

Dan J. Mitchell, Zoning Administrator

**Republic Recreation Committee**  
**May 4th, 2016 @6:30 Minutes**

**1. Call to Order:**

Called meeting to order @ 6:30 pm. Present: Jim Brennan, Kristina Koski, Michael Todd, Kim Isaacson, Aileen Todd, Jake Spear, Drew Griepentrog absent, Liz Hargas absent

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Jim Brennan 1<sup>st</sup>, Aileen Todd 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion. All in Favor AYE. Motion carried

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

Jim Brennan 1<sup>st</sup>, Kristina Koski 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion. All in Favor AYE. Motion carried

**4. Public Comment:**

None

**5. Unfinished Business:**

- a. **Republic Beach** – Motion by Jim Brennan 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jake Spear to leave the painting of beach building as is with the color change to the letters. Discussion: Looks more visible, easier to read for drivers by. All in Favor AYE. Motion carried. Other discussion included the boat launch and the possibility of moving it to the other side. Jim Carey from DEQ would have the answers. Jim B. will research this. Kim Isaacson looked into beach sand, which is on township property but need a sifter. Also discussed a beach cleaning day for the 21<sup>st</sup> of May at 10:00 am. Bids were approved to go out by board for the basketball court.
- b. **Northern Lights Campground** – Made note that the pre bids are being done with a walk-through on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Discussion included the future of the campground and revenue. Kristina plans to meet with Pat Chevrette to discuss how she structures her charges at Silver Lake Campground.
- c. **Bums Field** – Water needs to be turned on by DPW before work can be done on the field.
- d. **Heritage Trailhead Building**- Liz has been busy working on the welcome center area of the building, to include brochures and a painted mural.
- e. **Wetlands** – Repeated the motion from last meeting about signage with distance markers, and a pamphlet with a trail map. Much discussion about bird watchers and bringing people into the town to walk this area.

**6. New Business:**

- a. **Media** – Kim was contacted by TV6 about the dam. Much discussion was made about the dam situation.

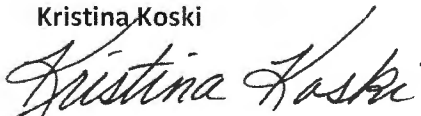
**7. Public Comment:**

John Ulrich – Made some nice recommendations including dam actions, electric meters at the campground, and contacting the disc association of the U.P..

**8. Adjournment : 7:40 pm**

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

Kristina Koski



JAMES BRENNAN



**Republic Recreation Committee**  
**June 1st, 2016 @6:30 Minutes**

**1. Call to Order:**

Called meeting to order @ 6:30 pm by Jake Spears. Present: Jim Brennan, Michael Todd, Jake Spear, Drew Griepentrog. Absent: Liz Hansas, Kim Isaacson, Kristina Koski & Ikey Todd

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Jake Spears 1<sup>st</sup>, Mike Todd 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion. All in Favor AYE. Motion carried

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

Jim Brennan 1<sup>st</sup>, Jake Spears 2<sup>nd</sup>. No Discussion. All in Favor AYE. Motion carried

**4. Public Comment:**

None

**5. Unfinished Business:**

- a. **Republic Beach** – Bids for basketball court to be in for township boards June meeting. Metal benches and two wooden picnic tables will be installed by DPW. Boat ramp application to fix ramp area with DEQ. Motion to file for a permit to township board by Jim Brennan 1<sup>st</sup> Jake Spears 2<sup>nd</sup> All in favor. Motion carried. Horseshoe court lights are working and needs some work on scoreboards.
- b. **Northern Lights Campground** – Campground bids came in too high. Rebid June 13, 2016.
- c. **Bums Field** – Ballfield 75% grass cover in infield. Mike Todd will be working on field to be ready for little league. Motion by Jim Brennan 1<sup>st</sup> Jake Spears 2<sup>nd</sup> to ask township board to let Mike Todd sign for needs on ballfield and horseshoe court from True Value. All in Favor. Motion Carried.
- d. **Heritage Trailhead Building**- No report
- e. **Wetlands** – Call in to the DEQ geological and land management division to find out plans for wetlands.

**6. New Business:**

- a. None

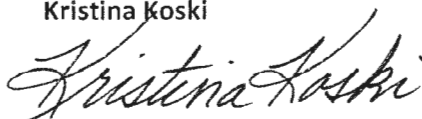
**7. Public Comment:**

None

8. **Adjournment** : Motion to adjourn by Jim Brennan 1<sup>st</sup> Jake Spears 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Motion carried. 7:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kristina Koski



JAMES BRENNAN

