

REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Approved Minutes – July 11, 2016

1. Call to Order at 7:01 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance. Accomplished.

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

A. Volunteer for Secretary. The Chairmen asked for a volunteer. No one responded. Mr. Nannestad will do the minutes.

4. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Mr. Richter, 2nd by Mr. Sandblom, Motion passed by voice vote.

5. Approval of Minutes.

A. **PC Minutes** June 13, 2016. Motion as presented by Mr. Kraft, 2nd by Mr. Richter, Motion passed by voice vote.

B. **Rec Comm Minutes** July 6, 2016. None were presented.

6. Public Comment:

Mr. Brennan asked to speak on his review of the ordinances followed by his recreation committee report. Motion to write a letter and send Mr. Brennan's report unchanged with Planning Commission recommendation to the Township Board requesting action, was made by Mr. Nannestad, 2nd by Mr. Sandblom, during discussion, consensus agreement occurred to request action on Mr. Mitchell's "Vending Ordinance amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, without objection, motion passed by voice vote. Mr. Nannestad will write the letter. Mr. Brennan reported on Recreation Committee activities. The PC thanked Mr. Brennan for his diligence and duty to the Township by reviewing the ordinances, maintaining the water level, submitting request to DNR for permit to repair boat landing, and following up on picnic table construction.

7. Reports.

A. **Zoning Administrator's Report.** Mr. Mitchell reviewed the land division activities and his problems with people's perception of what the law says.

B. **Ordinances Review.....**Accomplished earlier.

C. **Fire/EMS/TIFA....**Ms. Maze. Ms. Maze report the fire department is in dire need of equipment for new trainees. The PC sensed an emergency need for this equipment. Ms. Maze volunteered to write a letter to the Township Board with the PC approval. Motion to have Ms. Maze write a letter to the Township Board for immediate fire equipment, made by Mr. Nannestad, 2nd by Mr. Kraft, vote passed by voice vote. The PC thanked Ms. Maze for her concerns of the fire department.

D. **Recreation Committee....**Mr. Spear. Mr. Spear not present. Report given earlier by Mr. Brennan.

E. **Chairman's Report**

1. **Information Requests:**

- a. Northern Lights Campground/Munson Park Project.
- 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.

The above information on projects comes to the PC, only by Meeting minutes or newsletter articles.

8. Old Business

A. Aug 8th....at 6:30 PM, CUPPAD Training.

B. Z O corrections. A brief review and discussion took place. No action was taken. The Chairman thanked Ms. Maze and Mr. Kraft for their time to review and recommendations for possible changes to the Zoning Ordinance.

C. Color coding assessors maps. - Maps given to Mr. Johnson June 23, 2016. Copies of maps were shown to PC members. A brief discussion followed. No action taken. The assessor now has a zoning map showing current commercial areas.

D. Z O Amendment, Mobile Vending.-Ignored by Township Board. Discussion occurred.

E. PC By-laws.-see hand-out. Discussion occurred. Approval by Township Board is not required. The PC approved new By-Laws (Rev 5, May 9, 2016) thus, we now operate under Rev 5 By-Laws. No action taken.

F. Cond Use Permit.-"unnecessary" by Township Board by e-mail. Discussion occurred. No action taken.

G. June 1 Rec Comm. Motions passed through with cover letter. (July 6, 2016, RTB acted on the permit for gravel for the dock area). Discussed earlier.

9. New Business

A. Master Plan.....Mr. Nannestad presented a concept for updating the Master Plan. They are:

- Interview people and keep track of response NO Matter what it is. BRIEFLY
- Ask people what they think Republic could be? BRIEFLY one, two, or three words.
- How would it be accomplished?? BRIEFLY One phrase.
- Ask only people ½ your age.

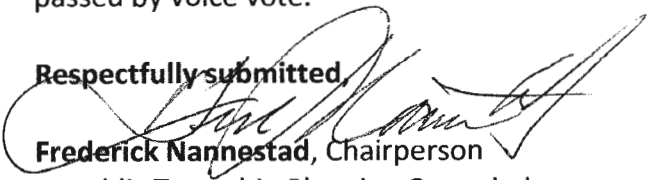
Discussion occurred. The Chair appointed all members of the PC and Mr. Mitchell to the Master Plan Committee (MPC). Mr. Nannestad asked for a volunteer to chair the MPC, Mr. Richter volunteered. The reports will be due at the PC meeting September 12, 2016.

Sometimes it's the people no one imagines anything of, who do the things that no one can imagine.(from The Imitation Game).

10. Announcements and Public Comment. None.

11. Adjournment, 8:19 PM, Motion to adjourn by Ms. Maze, 2nd by Mr. Sandblom, motion passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,


Frederick Nannestad, Chairperson
Republic Township Planning Commission.
August 8, 2016....Approved