

REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
May, 09, 2016 Minutes
Approved

1. Call to Order at 7:01 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call: Ms. Hargas, Ms. Maze, Mr. Sandblom, Mr. Feldhusen, Mr. Kraft, Mr. Richter, Mr. Nannestad. Mr. Mitchell, Zoning Administrator. All present except Mr. Sandblom who arrived at 7:03 PM.
4. Approval of Agenda. Motion by Ms. Maze, 2nd by Ms. Hargas, Motion passed by voice vote.

Public Hearing portion May 9, 2016,

1. Conditional Use Permit, request by Ms. Heidi Fetters. Mr. Mitchell presented the details and conditions of the request. Conditions being obtain a FFDL license, and business licenses in compliance with Marquette County and the State of Michigan. Mr. Mitchell recommended approval of the request. Ms. Fetter spoke on additional details and answered questions from interested parties.

Resolution: The Republic Township Planning Commission approves a conditional use permit for Ms. Heidi Fetters with the following conditions: 1. Obtains an FFDL license; 2. Complies with all state and federal laws; Motion by Mr. Sandblom, 2nd by Mr. Kraft; roll call vote; Ms. Hargas, yea; Ms. Maze, yea; Mr. Sandblom yes; Mr. Feldhusen, I; Mr. Kraft, yes; Mr. Richter, yup; Mr. Nannestad, yes. Resolution passes. Mr. Mitchell will prepare the paperwork for the township and Ms. Fetters. The public hearing for the conditional use permit is concluded.

2. PC By-Laws public hearing; copies of the PC by-laws were handed out to commission members and the public. Copies being the same copies passed at the April 11, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting and copies on file at the township hall since the public notice went to the Mining Journal. Discussion occurred, questions were answered. No changes were requested nor recommended.

Resolution: the Republic Township Planning Commission forwards to the Republic Township Board these Planning Commission By-Laws for approval by the Republic Township Board. Motion by Mr. Sandblom, 2nd by Ms. Maze; roll call vote; Ms. Hargas, yea; Ms. Maze, yes; Mr. Sandblom yes; Mr. Feldhusen, yes; Mr. Kraft, yes; Mr. Richter, yes; Mr. Nannestad, yes. Resolution passes. The public hearing for the By-Laws is concluded.

3. Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance; copies of the Amendment (Mobile Vending Amendment) to the Zoning Ordinance (ZO) were handed out to commission members and the public. Copies being the same copies passed at the April 11, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting and copies on file at the township hall since the public notice went to the Mining Journal. Discussion occurred, questions were answered. No changes were requested nor recommended.

Resolution: the Republic Township Planning Commission forwards to the Republic Township Board this Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance (Mobile Vending Amendment) for approval

by the Republic Township Board. Motion by Ms. Hangas, 2nd by Mr. Kraft; roll call vote; Ms. Hangas, yes; Ms. Maze, yes; Mr. Sandblom yes; Mr. Feldhusen, yep; Mr. Kraft, yes; Mr. Richter, yes; Mr. Nannestad, yes. Resolution passes. The public hearing for the Zoning Ordinance Amendment is concluded.

4. Adjournment of the Public hearing, Motion by Mr. Sandblom, 2nd by Ms. Hangas, motion passed by voice vote.

Regular Meeting May 9, 2016.

1. Approval of PC Minutes, April 11, 2016 as presented. Motion by Mr. Kraft, 2nd by Mr. Sandblom; Motion passed with a voice vote.

Approval of Recreation Committee Minutes, April 20, 2016 as presented. Motion by Ms. Maze, 2nd by Mr. Kraft; Motion passed by voice vote. Attached.

Recreation Comm., Draft May 4, 2016, no action taken, is attached per request of the Rec. Comm.

2. Public Comment:

Mr. Ulrich.

Mr. Brennan.

3. Reports.

A. Zoning Administrator's Report, Mr. Mitchell. Reported. Skip to 5D. Discussion followed. No action taken.

B. Ordinances Review.....Mr. Brennan. No action taken.

C. Fire/EMS....Ms. Maze. Mr. Koski provided a list of needs for the Fire Department. Attached.....No action taken.

D. Recreation Committee....Mr. Spear. In the absence of Mr. Spear, Mr. Brennan spoke. No action taken.

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.

(8:08pm, Ms. Maze has to leave (family issue), is excused).

- h. Capital Improvements Program.

2. Report was made on each item above. Discussion followed. No action taken.

3. Color coding assessors maps. Report. Discussion. We are continuing to work on the maps. (8:10pm) The zoning administrator, Mr. Mitchell pointed out, in the Township Board Minutes of April 28, 2016, Item 9A., *"Planning Commission Directive -the Cuppad maps are not clear as to where the commercial lot lines were. They have been discussed. The Planning Commission as part of their duties is directed to work to clarify these lines for the maps in order to assist the Zoning Administrator in his duties. Once these lines are determined, then the assessor*

can put this information into his computer and generate the maps ourselves instead of paying Cuppad. Motion to direct Planning Commission to work on this and have it back in 60 days by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried." that he, Mr. Mitchell, never asked or requested assistance with his duties. Mr. Mitchell also said, that the Republic Township Board needs to make a correction to its April 28, 2016, draft minutes to reflect who actually requested the color coding of the maps. Mr. Nannestad, Planning Commission Chairmen, asked Mr. Feldhusen, the member from the Board, to bring this error in the Board minutes to the attention of the Board. Mr. Feldhusen said he would try.

4. Old Business

A. PC Training-Jun 13th and Jul 11thboth at 6:30 PM. Discussion occurred. No action taken.

(8:13pm, Ms. Maze returned.)

5. New Business

A. Action items

1. By-Law corrections. Tabled.
2. Z O corrections. Tabled.

B. Comments for the Rail Line proposed agreement. – Comments

In addition to Commission members, the public was invited to comment as well.

- Humboldt took correct steps in accomplishing their rail project.
- Page 1, paragraph 9. Does this agreement limit the use of this rail line to Republic Mine?
- Would anyone else be using that rail line?
- Should not be a limited use rail line.
- Could this rail line be used by anyone else?
- To own the rail bed, is a great idea.
- Where does the Heritage Trail go.
- Need more numbers of future cost.
- Cost of the rail bed is too high.
- Republic mine sees no immediate opening.
- Snowmobile club would like state funds reimbursed.
- Would expect a signed agreement with the mine before putting rails in.
- Republic should not buy anything without a signed agreement with the mine.
- #15 needs to be rewritten to make sense.
- Hold rail bed purchase until an agreement is in place with the mine.

Discussion ended. No action taken.

C. Chicken Coop Welcome Center Trailhead – Liz Hargas Reported. Discussion. No action taken.

D. New slogan for Republic, "Home of the most wanted by the FBI". Disregard, covered under 3A.

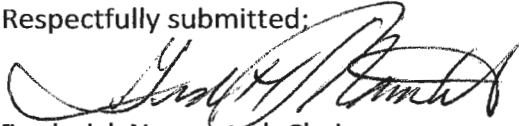
6. Announcements and Public Comment.

John Ulrich. Questions about size of signs for political campaign.

Laura Maze. Comments about a LED sign for the township hall. Will make presentation at next meeting.

7. Adjournment: 8:56 PM, Motion by Mr. Feldhusen, 2nd by Ms. Maze, Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Nannestad", written over a horizontal line.

Frederick Nannestad, Chairman
Republic Township Planning Commission.