

Republic Township Planning Commission – December 12, 2016

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm EST.

2. Roll Call: Mr Richter, Mr Nannestad, Mr Oakley, Mr Feldhausen, Mr Kraft. Mr Tapio and Mr Sandblom were absent due to medical reasons. Mr Knapp was present as Zoning Administrator.

3. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr Oakley to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Mr Feldhausen. Motion passed by voice vote.

4. Approval of Minutes:

--PC Meeting of November 14, 2016: Motion by Mr Oakley to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr Feldhausen. Motion Passed by voice vote.

--Rec Committee Minutes, November 2, 2016: Not available. See Reports section for more information.

--Rec Committee Minutes, December 7, 2016: Not available. See Reports section for more information.

5. Public Comment:

--Jim Brennan spoke on the ordinances that were reviewed by the PC and if they would be forwarded to the Board for approval. Discussion occurred, no action taken.

--Mr Brennan also spoke on the possibility of a Zoning Ordinance to allow for Marijuana Caregivers and Growers, who without such an ordinance in our township would not be able to get licensed. This was brought to us as a possible revenue stream. Discussion occurred, no action taken.

--Also participating in aforementioned discussions were Mr Oakley, Mr Knapp, and Mr Nannestad.

--Mr Brennan then brought forward the possibility of a Zoning Administrator also acting as a Zoning Enforcement officer. Mr Knapp spoke: "For the record this Zoning Administrator has no interest in becoming the Ordinance Enforcement Officer. That's always been a separate thing and as the ordinance is written it's a separate entity."

6. Reports:

--Zoning Administrator: Mr Knapp submitted a printed report, attached to minutes.

--Rec Committee Report: Mr Brennan spoke as representative of the Rec Committee. Mr Spear, the Chair of the Rec Committee did not submit the minutes for the November 2, 2016 with the 8 days allotted him by the Open Meeting Act, I was stated that the PC Chair would have them by 12/15/2016. The December 7, 2016 meeting minutes for the Rec Committee were still within the 8 days allotted by the Open Meeting Act, and Mr Brennan spoke on having both sets of minutes available to the PC Chair by 12/15/2016.

Mr Brennan also spoke of the Rec Committee putting up a tree with bird ornaments and lights for Christmas at the pavilion, as well as the fact that the Rec Committee was beginning to look at and design a tri-fold brochure to advertise the recreational opportunities within Republic Township. Mr Oakley asked: "For the record, the wetlands will not be mentioned in this brochure?" To which Mr Brennan replied: "Correct." General Discussion about whether or not this was in the purview of the Rec Committee occurred, but no action was taken.

Mr Brennan also spoke that the Rec Committee would be requesting that the ice rink be reopened, a new volleyball net, and paint on the now sealed basketball court. A work bee would be set after the first of the year to put together the picnic tables.

7. Old Business:

--CIP: After Discussion, the motion to approve the CIP as written was made by Mr Kraft and seconded by Mr Oakley. Passed by Voice Vote.

--Reaffirm Zoning Map Coloring: Discussion was had about the letter the Republic Township Planning Commission received about the Public Hearing held in November and possible issues regarding the notice given both in the paper and whether or not all people within 300' of the zoning changes were or had to be notified. When asked for the record by Mr Oakley if rezoning was occurring, Mr Knapp replied that it would require actual rezoning to make the map current. More discussion occurred regarding these legalities.

Motion made by Mr Oakley and Seconded by Mr Richter to show that Mr Sandblom's request from the previous meeting that the maps be fully colored in to properly delineate the zones. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion made by Mr Oakley, and amended and seconded by Mr Nannestad to grant the Zoning Administrator's request to wait until the next meeting to return with a legal opinion on the notifications required for the rezoning and creation of the zoning map. The amendment to this was that Mr Knapp was to return with a signed, official copy of the zoning map as well. Passed by voice vote.

8. New Business:

--Calendar for 2017: Motion to approve Republic Township Planning Commission meeting dates for 2017 made by Mr Oakley, seconded by Mr Feldhausen. Passed by Voice Vote.

--Election of officers at the January meeting: Information presented only.

--Report from the PC to the Township Board: Motion made by Mr Feldhausen, seconded by Mr Oakley to submit written report of PC actions during 2016 to the Board. Passed by voice vote.

--Township focus article on Ethics was presented to the PC board members to read on their own time.

9. Announcements and public comment:

--Mr Ison brought forward a zoning complaint that he had made against a neighbor. Much discussion occurred relating to this, but nothing could be done at this point.

Mr Ison also brought up, in relation to the zoning changes triggered by amending the map, that his property would be one affected and wondered what type of notice would be given if/when this occurred.

--Mr Nannestad brought up the Chief Lake Wilderness Youth Camp action taken by the Township Board and the Zoning Administrator asking what individual had placed the original complaint. The record is to show that Mr Knapp was unable to answer this question.

Mr Nannestad also had Mr Oakley read a portion of the Zoning Enabling Act to put into record exactly what Planning and Zoning is meant to accomplish.

10. **Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn at appx 8:35pm made by Mr Kraft, Seconded by Mr Oakley.
Passed by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted by:

_____ Date: _____

Martin R. Oakley
Planning Commission Secretary