

Republic Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting November 8, 2021

1. Call to Order and Pledge to Flag, by Chairman V. Workman at 7:00pm

Present: V. Workman, J. Kraft, T. Sandblom, F. Haslip, D. Harold, S. Christian and I. Dishno
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda D. Harold, 2nd by T. Sandblom, motion passed
3. Approval of October 11, 2021 minutes: Motion to approve minutes F. Haslip, 2nd by J. Kraft
4. Transportation: F. Haslip
 - a. Met with Sarah Cambenzie & Ed McBroom, natural gas line on hold
 - b. Bed & Breakfast – State taking over running, all will have to be licensed, raising taxes to 35-40% to give state
 - c. Roads – possibility of going to Minors Bank for road construction finance, representative from Bank will come to meeting to tell what we need to go thru them to finance our roads. Possibility to also finance people who are looking to open businesses.
 - d. Matt Tredeau – To do engineering of the roads. Scott Koski, lawyer in Lansing is who we are trying to get ahold of and get the information we need to do this.
5. Chairman: V. Workman
 - a. Met with Terry Knap to rewrite and work upon zoning project /initiative ordinances. Motion to approve by V. Workman, 2nd T. Sandblom, motion passed. Other people/volunteers are working with him.
6. Recreation: S. Christian
 - a. Disc Golf Range, send to board to approve to go ahead, almost have 5 sponsors to pay for the baskets. Discussion on Disc Golf Range ensued.

- b. Chose Drew Griepentrog to be Chairman of Sub Committee for the Recreation Committee. Motion V. Workman to open this up to other townships and support this initiative. 2nd by T. Sandblom. Motion passed.
- c. Letter of interest given to PC commission from Kasey Saari to be put on Recreation Committee. Motion to forward letter to Republic Township Board by V. Workman, 2nd by F. Haslip, motion passed.

7. Public comment

- a. Ryan Williams from Felch, Recreation Committee came to offer help and to see what the our Disc Golf Range is going to be like and when it is going in. Work with the Recreation Sub Committee Drew G.
- b. Dan Roberts – (lives in Republic) Disc Golf, sells discs, baskets, runs tournaments, etc. People from Iron Mountain wanting to help. Sherry from hardware in S Republic willing to allow space to sell products. Places where Disc Golf Ranges is Iron Mountain, Al Quaal in Ishpeming, Negaunee and more. Most have 18 holes.
- c. John Isola – asking about camping ordinances and why not being enforced.

8. Industry – T. Sandblom

- a. Broadband is very important/absolutely necessary.
- b. Opportunity to inherit money from the state thru grants, up to \$5000.
- c. Chamber of Commerce just became legal and it has begun.

d. Adjournment: Motion T. Sandblom, 2nd by D. Harold, motion passed at 8:15pm. Next meeting January 10, 2022

Signed by Planning Commission Secretary:

Deborah Harold

Date: November 21, 2021