

Republic Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting October 11, 2021

1. Call to Order and Pledge to Flag, by Chairman Workman at 7:00 pm
Present: J. Kraft, T. Sandblom, F. Haslip, V. Workman, D. Harold, S. Christian
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion by F. Haslip to approve agenda, 2nd by S. Christian, motion passed.
3. Approval of September 13, 2021 meeting minutes with addendums :
Motion to approve minutes by S. Christian, 2nd by F. Haslip, motion passed.
4. New Business:
 - a) Group from Upper Shelf Farms LLC, asking for conditional use permit: need payment, need application for permit, then to schedule a Public Hearing.
 - b) Fire partition between the growing and the sale of the products. Buffer along edge of property so it stays appealing along M95.
5. Reports:
 - a) Resource Management: John Kraft
 - 1) 5 benches are being made, trash can by entrance and signs needed
 - b) Recreation Committee: Stephanie Christian
 - 1) Needs to be a destination spot (Heritage end of trail)
 - 2) Ideas: Disc golf, mowed and maintained by who? Lights? Signs?
 - 3) UP Engineering – offered to do a concept plan for free. Motion to have that moved to the township board by F. Haslip and 2nd by V. Workman, passed
 - 4) Vaulted toilet – more information by next month
 - 5) Non-motorized trails – Marquette – putting funding together for the trails. Discussion Groomers getting really upset because some will not move for the groomers to do the trails. Bikers, walkers don't have to pay for stickers to use the trails.
 - c) Transportation: F. Haslip
 - 1) Bates Township: get commercial bank lenders for loans for roads instead of Marquette County. Have called local bank in Crystal Falls to find out what is required and will set up a meeting with PC.
 - 2) Natural Gas line: Senator going over Whitmer's head (cannot

name the Senator at this time) to get the money for gas line.

3) Water main breaks, grants have been approved.

4) Quik Stop gas station looking at our area.

d) Industry: T. Sandblom

1) Resource Management Development – Thyra Carlstone

2) We are at the end of the trail and have a great advantage if we will get behind it.

3) Antique sign that is in front of the Republic 4 seasons sign needs to be moved. V. Workman is going to research it.

4) Need Industry to be our tax base.

5) Communication is vital, we absolutely need Broadband.

6) Wants a Chamber of Commerce to assist in promoting businesses and the Republic area.

e) Community Character:

f) Residential Growth:

g) Zoning Administrator:

5. Old Business:

a) Perch Lake building project: have to rezone the properties: discussion with Jennifer Jones, doing wetlands survey

b) Matt Tredeau – surveying Perch Lake, investigating wetlands, and getting new maps

c) Motion to replace Robert Spear and employ UP Engineering by F. Haslip, 2nd by V. Workman and passed

6. Public Comment: None

7. Adjourn: Next meeting November 8, 2021. Motion to adjourn by F. Haslip, 2nd T. Sandblom, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Prepared by Deborah Harold, secretary.

Deborah Harold

Date: November 2, 2021