

Republic Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes, December 13, 2021

1. Call to Order by Chairman V. Workman at 7:00 pm

Present: T. Sandblom, F. Haslip, Val Workman, D. Harold, S. Christian, I. Dishno

2. Approval of Agenda: Motion by V. Workman to get agenda 1 week before PC meeting thru email, 2nd by S. Christian , motion passed. Approval of agenda motion by V. Workman, 2nd by F. Haslip, motion passed.

3. Approval of November 8, 2021 meeting minutes, with amendments:

Motion to approve minutes by V. Workman, 2nd by I. Dishno, motion passed.

4. Reports:

a) Transportation: F. Haslip

1. In contact with a bank from Crystal Falls and a representative of that bank coming to the Thursday Board Meeting to talk to us about financing for the upcoming road projects. Much cheaper interest

2. 2 bids so far have come back for the road project. 1 local bid is \$50,000 cheaper than what we have had come in before.

3. Gas line has gone thru the lobbyist, gone to the Senate and Senator McBroom has it, stating it will go right thru, no problem. Then it will go to Gov Whitmer and then on to the Federal Government.

4. Have the grant for the water replacements, but don't want to tear up the roads until we have the Gas line project in place to do it all at once.

5. We have to form a co-op for the projects proposed. Ball got dropped 2 years ago when it was voted on to form the co-op. Now it must be done. Secretary will receive a copy of the paperwork for co-op to put in place with the minutes.

6. Neil from Upper Shelf Farms, Marijuana grow place wants to put up campground, place to eat, and add to our Republic Disc Golf.

- b) Zoning Administrator: no report
- c) Recreation Committee: S. Christian
 - 1. Disc Golf plans going forward with Drew (sub-committee)
 - 2. Passed 1st class in grant writing, starting 2nd one soon.
- d) Community Character: I. Dishno
 - 1. We need a theme for our township
- e) Industry: T. Sandblom
 - 1. Money available from government to townships
 - 2. Improve street scape
 - 3. Collaboration with other townships
- f) Resources: J. Kraft
 - 1. Signs: Interpretive: Jennifer Jones has mapped out the Locations for the Interpretive signs. We hope to get them made up this winter and placed in the spring.
Directional – signs to made and placed in the spring.
 - 2. Trail Benches: are made and will be placed in the spring. The Boy Scouts made them.
 - 3. Heron Rookery Restoration: Will be postponed for now
 - 4. Trail Brochures: will be postponed till funding source found.
- g) PC chair: V. Workman
 - 1. Talking with DeRoche family about what was planned years ago. Going to receive all the paperwork from family about plans for Republic from years past.
 - 2. Competitive edge, who are our competitors
 - 3. Terry Knapp redoing, working on ordinances

5. Old Business:

6. New Business:

7. Public Comment: None

8. Adjourn: Next meeting January 10, 2022. Motion to adjourn by V. Workman, 2nd D. Harold, motion passed.

Signed by Planning Commission Secretary:

Deborah Harold

Date: December 31, 2021

Addendum added:

Deborah Harold

Date: January 13, 2022