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Board Meeting Minutes for April 25, 2024

1. Call to Order: James Brennan called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. for the Public Hearing on the amendment to the 5-year Recreation Plan.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call of Board Members: James Brennan, John Ison, Frank Haslip
4. Members Absent: Anna Griepentrog, Kristina Koski
5. Approval of the agenda: Motion was made by John Ison to approve the agenda, 2nd by Frank Haslip, motion passed.
6. Open Public Hearing on the amendment of Republic Township 5-year Recreational Plan:
 - A. Discussion: James Brennan explained the process that was done for the Recreation Plan.
7. Public Comment: None
8. Close Public Hearing: A motion was made by James Brennan to close the Public Hearing at 7:05p.m. on the 5-year Recreation Plan, 2nd by Frank Haslip, motion passed.
9. Call regular Board meeting to order: A motion was made by James Brennan to call Regular Board meeting to order at 7:06p.m., 2nd by Frank Haslip, motion passed.
10. Approval of the Minutes of March 28, 2024: A motion was made by James Brennan, 2nd by Frank Haslip, motion passed.
11. Public Comment on Agenda Items (3 minutes maximum per person. One person to speak at a time:
12. Reports:
 - A. IOHT: They have bought land in Negaunee from CR 480 to CR 482, around the old mine pit for a new trail. The old trail will still be used as AV trail. There is also 170 plus acres in Marquette Township to add to the trail system. There is also going to be a boardwalk built on the trail in Negaunee.
 - B. TIFA: The MRBA has accepted a bid on the project for just under \$2,900,000.00 and are also working with a contractor on signing the contract. The start date is June 1, 2024. The contractor is stockpiling materials now.
 - C. WETESA: They have two emergency vehicles. The EMS Pick up truck is located at the Ely Township Hall, and the ambulance at the Republic Township Firehall.

D. Zoning Administrator: two new applications, and seven to date.

E. Ordinance Enforcement: four certified letters, three blight letters and one recreational ordinance have been mailed.

D. Assessor: Sent the report.

8) Old Business:

A. A motion was made by James Brennan to approve resolution for the amendment of the 5-year Recreation Plan, 2nd by Frank Haslip, roll call vote, 3 yes, 0 nays, 2 absent, motion passed.

B. A motion was made by James Brennan to approve the Republic Township 5 -year Master Plan, 2nd by John Ison, motion passed.

C. A motion was made by James Brennan to approve Iron Ore Heritage Trail ballot language, 2nd by John Ison, motion passed.

D. Fence River Road Update: The cost from the County is \$ 226, 219.11, and to be paid over five years.

E. Summer's End Smokeout: The conditional use application from the Planning Commission voted that music ends on Thursday and Sunday at 12:00a.m. midnight, and Friday and Saturday at 1a.m. A motion was made by James Brennan to add that if the music goes overtime, the event gets shut down and they will have to leave the property by 11a.m. the next day. They would have one week to remove all equipment, 2nd by Frank Haslip, motion passed.

9) New Business:

A. Summer Hires: The DPW has asked for five hires for the summer this year. A motion was made by James Brennan to hire Landon Suomi, Alayna Koski, Kenneth Ambuehl, John Wheeler and Ethan Lawrence, 2nd by John Ison, motion passed.

B. Republic Mountain Lake LLC land donations: Will be sending a letter to the Township Board for the donation of land to the Township. Corner of CR 601 and River Rd. From 4th street along the heritage trail (east), by the big rock (old ball field).

C. Republic/Moose Rapids Signs: The Recreation Committee is talking to the Sportsman's Club about the Moose Rapids sign, and the owner of the antique store about repairing, replacing and or fixing the signs. The Republic sign is peeling will need to look into a replacement.

10) Payment of Bills: A motion by Frank Haslip to pay bills, 2nd by John Ison, motion passed.

11) Public Comment (3 minutes maximum per person. One person to speak at a time:

Bengston rd.

Business sign on corner of M-95 and River rd.

Tower

Water rate increase

12) Board's Comments: James Brennan is having a informational meeting on May 18, 2024 at 10a.m., and to be uploaded on YouTube.

13) Adjournment: A motion was made by James Brennan to adjourn the meeting at 8:57p.m.

James Brennan

Republic Twp. Supervisor