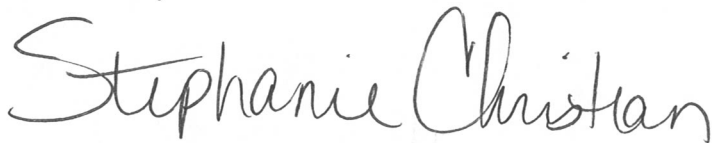


MARCH 2021

Republic Recreation Committee  
Public Informational Meeting  
7:30pm at the  
Republic Sportsmen Club Hall

1. Call to Order: 7:34pm
2. Roll Call: Stephanie Christian, Drew Griepentrog, Kasey Skogman-Saari
3. Concept design and discussion of 92 acres on River Road that the Township owns that will be developed into a Multi-Recreational area: Stephanie Christian opened the meeting and Jim Brennan explained that the Township is going to develop the 92 acres of Township Property into a recreational area for the community. That will include; hiking and walking trails, biking and mountain biking trails, Parking, vaulted toilet, and eventually an in-door pistol range. The Grant for this project will be filed In December of 2022.
4. Public Comment:
  - a) Craig Van Beek: Inquired about insurance, and signing a waiver
  - b) Aaron Oja: Mentioned that there needs to be more visibility when parking lot is put in, brush cut back. He also mentioned to contact local bike clubs in the area with assistance and input.
  - c) Keith Perry: Spoke on the legal matters of the Project.
  - d) John Ulrich: Inquired about hunting and logging on land to be developed.
  - e) Shirley Bocek: Asked about snow snowing in the winter, advised her yes that is a possibility.
5. Adjournment: Stephanie Christian made the motion to adjourn at 8:02pm, Drew Griepentrog 2<sup>nd</sup>, meeting adjourned.

Stephanie Christian  
Recreational Committee  
Chairperson/Secretary

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Republic Township

Recreation Committee

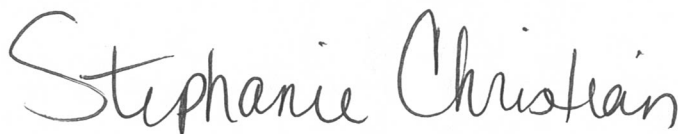
Minutes of June 3, 2021

1. Call to Order: 7:10 pm
2. Roll Call: Stephanie Christian, Melanie Brennan
3. Approval of the Agenda: Stephanie Christian made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie Brennan, motion passed
4. Approval of the Minutes for May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021: Melanie Brennan made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie Christian, motion passed.
5. Public Comment: none
6. Old Business:
  - a. Painting update: The paint needed to be ordered and has come in. Date has been set for June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> to start painting the playground equipment at the beach. The pavilion is also being painted by volunteers.
  - b. Set a date to walk 90 Acres- get an idea of walking and biking trails. Talk to other Committee members and walk property before next meeting.
7. New Business:
  - a. Recreation Plan/Master Plan update: Summarized what needs to be changed and added.

Public Comment: none

Adjournment: Melanie Brennan made the motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie Christian, motion passed.

Stephanie Christian  
Recreation Committee  
Chairperson/Secretary

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Republic Township

Recreation Committee

Meeting minutes for October 7, 2021

1. Call to Order: 7:35pm
2. Roll Call: Kim Issacson, Stephanie Christian, Drew Griepentrog, Melanie Brennan
3. Approval of the Agenda: Kim Issacson made the motion, 2nd by Melanie Brennan, motion passed.
4. Approval of the Minutes of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021: Melanie Brennan made the motion, 2nd by Drew Griepentrog, motion passed.
5. Public Comment: none
6. Old Business:
  - a) Vaulted toilet grant application: More information requested, information turned in and will have a final response by sometime in November.
  - b) Painting and Staining: Dates still to be determined. Putting out another sign up volunteer sheet.
7. New Business:
  - a) Disc Golf: Daniel Roberts came and gave pricing of baskets and discs and examples of current disc golf courses. Stephanie Christian made a motion to move to Planning Commission to present pricing and request funds for project. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drew Griepentrog, motion passed.
  - b) Multi-Purpose Recreation Area: UP Engineering has offered to draw up a concept plan for free. Stephanie Christian made the motion to move to Planning Commission to get project started. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drew Griepentrog, motion passed.
  - c) Republic Wetlands: Gave update on current project regarding the wetlands.

d) Republic Recreation Capital Improvement Plan: Explained what our role as the recreation committee is in our CIP. Committee will be working together to come up with a more detailed list and information on each current and future recreation.

8. Public Comment: Kevin Caliguri asked questions regarding the Republic Wetlands.

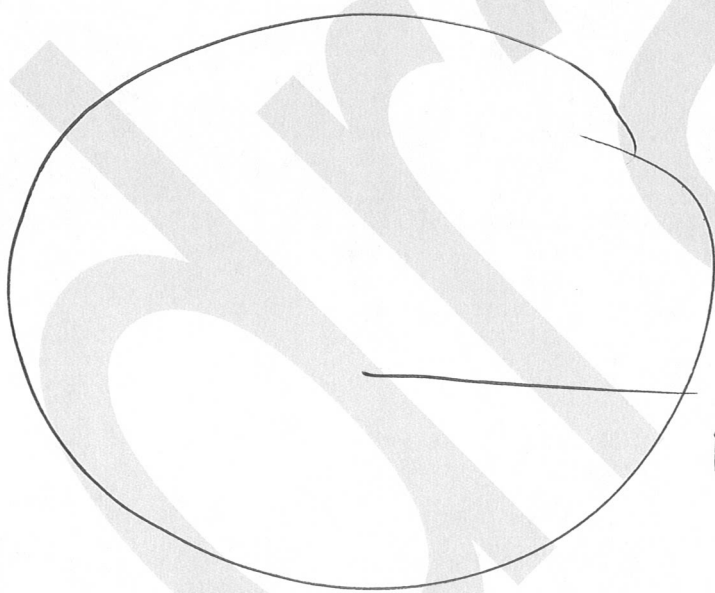
9. Adjournment: Stephanie Christian made the motion to adjourn at 8:12pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie Brennan, motion passed.

Stephanie Christian

Recreation Committee

Chairperson/Secretary

Stephanie Christian



PASSED NEXT  
MEETING



Republic Township

Recreation Committee

Meeting minutes for November 4, 2021

1. Call to Order: 7:39p.m.
2. Roll Call: Kim Issacson, Stephanie Christian, Drew Griepentrog, Melanie Brennan
3. Approval of the Agenda: Drew Griepentrog made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie Brennan, motion passed.
4. Approval of the Minutes of October 4th, 2021: Melanie Brennan made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drew Griepentrog, motion passed.
5. Public Comment: none
6. Old Business:
  - a. Multi-Recreational Area update: Contacting U.P. Engineering to inquire about free concept plan offered by them.
7. New Business:
  - a. Disc Golf Proposal: Committee went over draft proposal and added input. Stephanie is to rewrite proposal.
8. Public Comment: Alex, a new property owner in town came to the meeting and offered to volunteer if project is approved. He has prior experience in installing disc golf baskets.
9. Adjournment: Stephanie Christian made the motion to adjourn at 7:57pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie Brennan, motion passed.

Stephanie Christian  
Recreation Committee  
Chairperson/Secretary

*Stephanie Christian*

*PASSED NEXT MEETING*

Republic Township

Recreation Committee

Meeting minutes for February 4, 2022

1. Call to Order: 7:36pm
2. Roll Call: Kim Issacson, Stephanie Christian, Drew Griepentrog, Melanie Brennan
3. Approval of the Agenda: Drew Griepentrog made the motion, 2nd by Kim Issacson, motion passed.
4. Approval of the Minutes of December 2, 2021: Melanie Brennan made the motion, 2nd by Kim Issacson, motion passed.
5. Public Comment: none
6. Old Business:
  - a) Disc Golf: All 9 baskets are sponsored. Drew Griepentrog is collecting the money and turning it into the Township Treasurer, Tina Koski. Drew Griepentrog is looking at 3 concept for recognition plaques. Construction will begin in the Spring of 2022. Drew is also going to talk to Al about clearing the road up to the driving range to start marking out the course.
  - b) Multi-Purpose Recreational area: Awaiting a concept plan from UP Engineers. Grant will be filed April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022
7. New Business:
  - a) Ice Rink: discussed the location of the ice rink and product detail and pricing
  - b) Republic Wetlands: Boy Scout troop built 3 wooden benches to go on trail around the wetlands. Jennifer Jones is looking at qoutes for small signs to display at major sites around the wetlands.
  - c) Boat Docks: Discussed 3 types of docks and pricing

8. Public Comment: none

9. Adjournment: Stephanie Christian made the motion to adjourn at 8:09pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Issacson  
motion passed.

*Stephanie Christian*

Stephanie Christian

Recreation Committee

Chairperson/Secretary

PASSED NEXT  
MEETING

Republic Township

Recreation Committee

Meeting minutes for March 3, 2022

1. Call to Order: 7:40pm
2. Roll Call: Stephanie Christian, Melanie Brennan
3. Approval of the Agenda: Melanie Brennan made the motion, 2nd by Stephanie Christian, motion passed.
4. Approval of the Minutes of February 4,, 2022: Melanie Brennan made the motion, 2nd by Stephanie Christian, motion passed.
5. Public Comment: none
6. Old Business:
  - a) Multi-Purpose Recreational Area: Grant is being filed. A Public Informational Meeting was held at the Sportsman's Club on March 7, 2022. Once snow melts, can get in there to establish trails.
  - b) Boat Docks: Stephanie Christian made a motion to move to the PC to ask the Township Board to purchase 2 new docks. Est. cost, \$10-\$15,000. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie Brennan, motion passed
  - c) Disc Golf: Baskets are in and will be installed in the Spring.
7. Public Comment: None
8. Adjournment: Stephanie Christian made the motion to adjourn at 7:55pm, Melanie Brennan 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

~~Stephanie Christian~~

~~Recreation Committee~~

~~Chairperson/Secretary~~

Passed next meeting

- d) Moose Rapid Signs (Entrance & Highway): Madeline Serota to look at signs and see if they can be repaired/painted and/or replaced.

8. Public Comment: None

9. Adjournment: Stephanie Christian made the move to adjourn at 8:28p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kasey Saari-Skogman, meeting adjourned.

Stephanie Christian/Recreation Committee Chairperson&Secretary

Stephanie Christian

Republic Township

Recreation Committee

Meeting minutes for April 7, 2022

1. Call to Order: 7:40pm

2. Roll Call: Kim Issacson, Stephanie Christian, Drew Griepentrog

3. Approval of the Agenda: Stephanie Christian made the motion, 2nd by Kim Issacson, motion passed.

4. Approval of the Minutes of March 3, 2021: Drew Griepentrog made the motion, 2nd by Kim Issacson, motion passed.

5. Public Comment: none

6. Old Business:

a) Multi-Purpose Recreational Area: Grant is being filed, when snow melts going to walk the area, look where trails can go.

b) Boat Docks: A floating dock and rolling dock is being purchased by the Township to replaced the docks at the beach and Munson Park

c) Disc Golf: Installation of the baskets will begin in the spring of 2022.

7. New Business:

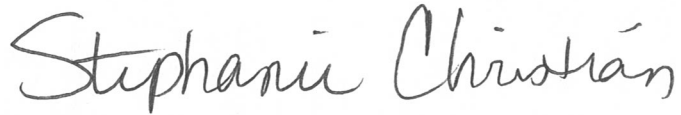
a) Spring Cleanup: A flier and sign up sheet will be posted online and around town to get volunteers to walk the streets and pick up garbage on the streets..

b) Painting and Staining: a volunteer sign up sheet will be posted seeking volunteers to finishing painting playground equipment and staining picnic tables.

8. Public Comment: none

9. Adjournment: Stephanie Christian made the motion to adjourn at 8:07pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drew Griepentrog, motion passed.

Stephanie Christian  
Recreation Committee  
Chairperson/Secretary

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Republic Township

Recreation Committee

Meeting minutes for May 5, 2022

1. Call to Order: 7:35pm
2. Roll Call: Kim Issacson, Stephanie Christian, Melanie Brennan
3. Approval of the Agenda: Melanie Brennan made the motion, 2nd by Kim Issacson, motion passed.
4. Approval of the Minutes of April 7, 2022: Stephanie Christian made the motion, 2nd by Melanie Brennan, motion passed.
5. Public Comment: none
6. New Business:
  - a) Spring Cleanup: Recreation Committee is making a flier and volunteer sign up sheet for a community litter pick up. Dates are set for May 22, and 23, 2022.
  - b) Painting and Staining: Recreation Committee will be posting a sign up sheet seeking volunteers in June 2022
  - c) Town wide informational meeting: June 5, 2022, members from the Recreation Committee will be present to answer questions, listen to ideas and concerns.
7. Public Comment: none
8. Adjournment: Stephanie Christian made the motion to adjourn at 7:57pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie Brennan, motion passed.

Stephanie Christian

Recreation Committee Chairperson/Secretary

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Republic Township

Recreation Committee

Meeting minutes for July 7, 2022

1. Call to Order: 7:30pm
2. Roll Call: Kim Issacson, Stephanie Christian, Melanie Brennan, Kasey Skogman-Saari
3. Approval of the Agenda: Stephanie Christian made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie Brennan, motion passed.
4. Approval of the Minutes of May 5, 2022: Kasey Skogman-Saari made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Issacson, motion passed.
5. Public Comment: none
6. Old Business:
  - a) Painting and Staining: Kasey Skogman-Saari to set a couple dates and go start painting
  - b) Dock update: Docks are on back order, Alex Sylvester will install a temporary dock at Munson until they come in.
  - c) Disc Golf Update: Daniel Roberts and Tim Kopaz will go out to golf range and look at layout, mark course, mark trees to be cut.
7. New Business:
  - a) 92 Acre Committee: Stephanie is going to contact Lesley Hurst. She was involved with the Recreation Committee years ago and has knowledge of biking and trails.
  - b) Hanging Flower Pots for telephone poles for next year: Will be bringing to Planning Commission in the next few months. Kasey made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie Brennan, motion passed.
  - c) New Recreation Committee Members: We are currently looking for more members. If interested, give a letter of interest.

8. Public Comment: Dennis Harold inquired about the possible future gun range on the 92 acres.  
He has knowledge, contacts and experience with the NRA.
9. Adjournment: Stephanie Christian made the motion to adjourn at 8:15pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie Brennan, motion passed.

Stephanie Christian

Recreation Committee Chairperson/Secretary

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Republic Township

Recreation Committee

Meeting minutes for August 4, 2022

1. Call to Order: 7:33pm
2. Roll Call: Stephanie Christian, Drew Griepentrog
3. Approval of the Agenda: Stephanie Christian made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drew Griepentrog, motion passed.
4. Approval of the Minutes of July 7, 2022: Stephanie Christian made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drew Griepentrog, motion passed.
5. Public Comment: none
6. Old Business:
  - a) Disc Golf Update: Drew has been clearing trees and bushes. A couple of the holes are ready to be dug.
  - b) 92 Acre Committee: Need volunteers, going to be contacting Leslie Hurst.
  - c) New recreation members: Daniel Roberts submitted a letter of interest in joining the Recreation Committee. He has also been working with Drew Griepentrog on the Disco Golf project.
7. Public Comment: Daniel Roberts was in attendance and gave update of Disc Golf project update with Drew Griepentrog. Also mentioned naming the Republic Disc Golf Course.
8. Adjournment: Stephanie Christian made the motion to adjourn at 7:53pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drew Griepentrog, motion passed.

Stephanie Christian

Recreation Committee Chairperson/Secretary



Republic Township

Recreation Committee

Meeting minutes for September 1, 2022

1. Call to Order: 7:30pm

2. Roll Call: Stephanie Christian, Drew Griepentrog, Daniel Roberts, Melanie Brennan

3. Approval of the Agenda: Stephanie Christian made the motion to approve the agenda and to amend the agenda by adding Daniel Roberts to the roll call and changing the meeting date from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drew Griepentrog, motion passed.

4. Approval of the Minutes of August 4, 2022: Stephanie Christian made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie Brennan, motion passed.

5. Public Comment: none

6. Old Business:

a) Disc Golf Update: This next week Al Koski is bringing out the back hoe to dig the holes for the baskets. This next weekend, Drew and Daniel will be mixing the concrete and be placed in buckets for the baskets posts.

b) Multi-Purpose Recreational Area (92 acres): Stephanie Christian and Jim Brennan are planning to meet with a bike trail enthusiast and Lesilie Hurst to walk the property.

c) Paul's Park: Stephanie Christian is sending a proposal letter for playground donations.

d) Docks: Aluminum for the docks is on back order.

e) Volunteers: The Recreation Committee is looking for volunteers for various projects.

7. New Business:

a) Coin-operated commercial washer and dryer for campground use. Stephanie Christian presented a couple different appliances. Stephanie Christian made the motion to move it to the Planning Commission, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Roberts, motion passed.

8. Public Comment:

9. Adjournment: Stephanie Christian made the motion to adjourn at 8:00pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Roberts, motion passes.

Stephanie Christian

Recreation Committee Chairperson/Secretary

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Republic Township

Recreation Committee

Meeting minutes for October 6, 2022

1. Call to Order: 7:30pm

2. Roll Call: Stephanie Christian, Daniel Roberts, Melanie Brennan, Kasey Skogman-Saari

3. Approval of the Agenda: Kasey Skogman-Saari, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Roberts, motion passed.

4. Approval of the Minutes of , 2022: Stephanie Christian made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie Brennan, motion passed.

5. Public Comment: none

6. Old Business:

a) Disc Golf Update: This next week Al Koski is bringing out the back hoe to dig the holes for the baskets. This next weekend, Drew and Daniel will be mixing the concrete and be placed in buckets for the baskets posts.

b) Multi-Purpose Recreational Area (92 acres): Stephanie Christian and Jim Brennan are planning to meet with a bike trail enthusiast and Lesilie Hurst to walk the property.

c) Paul's Park: Stephanie Christian is sending a proposal letter for playground donations.

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e) Volunteers: The Recreation Committee is looking for volunteers for various projects.

7. New Business:

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8. Public Comment:

9. Adjournment: Stephanie Christian made the motion to adjourn at 8:00pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel

Roberts, motion passes.

Stephanie Christian

Recreation Committee Chairperson/Secretary

Stephanie Christian

Republic Township

Recreation Committee

Meeting minutes for December 1, 2022

1. Call to Order: 7:30pm
2. Roll Call: Stephanie Christian, Melanie Brennan, Daniel Roberts
3. Approval of the Agenda: Kasey Melanie Brennan made the motion, 2nd by Daniel Roberts, motion passed.
4. Approval of the Minutes of November 3, 2022: Daniel Roberts made the motion, 2nd by, Melanie Brennan, motion passed.
5. Public Comment: none
6. Old Business:
  - a) Disc Golf update: Daniel Roberts is bringing before the Board at next meeting, the cost and materials needed to complete all nine holes.
  - b) Multi-purpose Recreational Area Update: SPARK Grant to be filed.
7. Public Comment: none
8. Adjournment: Stephanie Christian made the motion to adjourn at 8:02pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie Brennan, motion passed.

Stephanie Christian  
Recreation Committee  
Chairperson/Secretary

*Stephanie Christian*

*Passed next meeting*



Republic Township

Recreation Committee

Meeting minutes for February 2, 2023

1. Call to Order: 7:41pm

2. Roll Call: Stephanie Christian, Melanie Brennan, Daniel Roberts

3. Approval of the Agenda: Stephanie Christian made the motion, 2nd by Daniel Roberts, motion passed.

4. Approval of the Minutes of December 1, 2022: Melanie Brennan made the motion, 2nd by Daniel Roberts, motion passed.

5. Public Comment: none

6. Old Business:

a) Disc Golf Update: Daniel Roberts provided a list of materials and cost to complete 9 holes.

b) Multi-Purpose Recreational Area Update: Spark was filed at the end of December of 2022, waiting to hear results.

c) Paul's Park: Letters were sent to a couple foundations for requesting funds and or playground equipment.

d) 5 Year Recreation Plan: Stephanie Christian is currently working with John Craft in update recreation plan.

7. New Business:

a) Election of Officers: Daniel Roberts made the motion to elect Stephanie Christian as Chairperson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie Brennan, motion passed. Melanie Brennan made the motion to elect Daniel Roberts as

Vice Chairperson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie Christian, motion passed. Melanie Brennan made the motion to elect Stephanie Christian as secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Roberts, motion passed.

b) Community "Pick it up": The Recreation Committee will be meeting and working with Barry on planning the trash pick up day in April 2023.

8. Public Comment: none

9. Adjournment: Melanie Brennan made the motion to adjourn at 8:18pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Roberts, motion passed.

Stephanie Christian

Recreation Committee

Chairperson/Secretary

*Stephanie Christian*

Republic Township

Recreation Committee

Meeting minutes for April 6, 2023

1. Call to Order: 7:42pm
2. Roll Call: Melanie Brennan, Daniel Roberts
3. Approval of the Agenda: Melanie made the motion, 2nd by Daniel Roberts, motion passed
4. Approval of the Minutes of February 2, 2023.: Melanie made the motion, 2nd by Daniel Roberts, motion passed
5. Public Comment: Carrie Biolo attended and stated that she submitted a letter to join the rec committee last week. Awaiting Township Board approval.
6. Old Business:
  - a) Disc Golf Update: Daniel Roberts updated where we are at. Discussed hole sponsorship's and two local businesses interested in purchasing all 9 baskets. Discussed other sponsorship opportunities outside of the baskets.
  - b) Community "pick it up" Update: April 22 and 23 from 12pm-3pm. Melanie will provide which roads outside of Hawks drive that will be covered once snow melts some more next week. Sign up sheet posted. Melanie is providing gloves and trash bags.
  - c) Paul's Park update: Painting to be scheduled in May
7. Public Comment: Melanie suggested next rec meeting on May 4, 2023, be held at the disc golf course.
8. Adjournment: Melanie Brennan made the motion to adjourn at 8:22pm, 2nd by Daniel Roberts, motion passed.

Daniel Roberts  
Recreation Committee  
Vice Chairperson

*Stephanie Christian*

Republic Township

Recreation Committee

Meeting minutes for May 4, 2023

1. Call to Order: 7:34pm
2. Roll Call: Stephanie Christian, Daniel Roberts, Melanie Brennan, Kasey Skogman-Saari, Carrie Biolo
3. Approval of the Agenda: Kasey Skogman-Saari made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie Christian, motion passed.
4. Approval of the Minutes of May 4, 2023.: Melanie made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Roberts, motion passed
5. Public Comment:
6. Old Business:
  - a) Disc Golf Update: Daniel Roberts gave an update on the course. The Township Board gave the approval for the Recreation Committee to launch a crowdfunding campaign through Patron city, waiting for it to be approved.
  - b) Spark Grant: Spark Grant application due end of June of 2023. Carrie Biolo offered to help with the grant submission. Kasey Skogman-Saari also offered to get support letters for the development of the Republic Multi-Purpose Recreational Area.
  - c) Community "pick it up": There were 14 volunteers, 22 bags of trash. Makis donated a hotdog and the Summer Place donated a ½ french fry for whoever volunteered. The Pine Grove also provided chips and soda to the volunteers.
7. New Business:
  - a) New Recreation Member: Carrie Biolo is a new member
  - b) Fundraising: Kasey Skogman-Saari will be sending out letters for donations and material for more playground equipment.
  - c) Volunteers needed: The Recreation Committee needs more volunteers
8. Public Comment:
9. Adjournment: Stephanie Christian made the motion to adjourn at 8:30pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Roberts, motion passed.

Stephanie Christian  
Recreation Committee  
Chairperson



PASSED NEXT MEETING

Republic Township

Recreation Committee

Meeting minutes for June 1, 2023

1. Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Stephanie Christian, Daniel Roberts, Melanie Brennan, Kasey Skogman-Saari, Anita Reid
3. Approval of the Agenda: Kasey Skogman-Saari made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Roberts, motion passed.
4. Approval of the Minutes of May 4, 2023: Daniel Roberts made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie Brennan, motion passed.
5. Public Comment: none
6. Old Business:
  - a) Disc Golf Update: Patron City Crowdfunding campaign is approved. The Press Release goes live on  
6-2-23. Daniel Roberts will be contacting tv6.
  - b) Spark Grant Update: Stephanie and Carrie will be working on the submission of the Spark Grant.
  - c) Fundraising Update:  
Kasey has sent out letters to big business in support of playground equipment and donations for Paul's Park.
7. New Business:
  - a) Anita submitted a letter of interest of being on the Recreation Committee, Township Board approved.
  - b) Republic Beach Campground: The Republic Township Board approved putting a well in at the beach. The township also approved up to 5 tent campers to camp at the beach. The fee is \$10.00 a night and you must pay at the Township Hall and give your name. The Recreation Committee is looking for someone to complete painting the beach bathhouse.
  - c) Painting and Staining workday: Workday set for staining picnic tables for June 3 and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

8. Public Comment: Tracey Mattila made a comment on how Republic needs more recreation for the teens in our community.
9. Adjournment: 8:10 p.m.

Stephanie Christian

Recreation Committee Chairperson

Stephanie Christian



PASSED NEXT  
MEETING

Republic Township

Recreation Committee

Meeting minutes for July 6, 2023

1. Call to Order: 7:36 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Stephanie Christian, Daniel Roberts, Melanie Brennan, Carrie Biolo
3. Approval of the Agenda: Daniel Roberts made the motion to add d) Marketing tools, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie Christian, motion passed.
4. Approval of the Minutes of May 4, 2023: Daniel Roberts made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie Brennan, motion passed.
5. Public Comment: none
6. Old Business:
  - a) Disc Golf Update: On July 15, 2023 Boulder Alley will host a tournament. Volunteers are needed.
  - b) Spark Grant Update: Grant was filed. Waiting to hear from MiGrants.
  - c) Fundraising Update: Kasey Saari-Skogman has sent out letters, waiting for a reply.
  - d) Painting and Staining: Alex Sylvester has a group of people to paint and or stain, need to set up a date.
7. New Business:
  - a) Trust Fund Grant: Next Grant to be filed for the Republic Multi-Purpose Recreational Park
  - b) DNR Recreational Passport Grant: Another Grant to be filed for various recreation for the Township
  - c) Town Clock: Discussion took place of the location and what kind of clock. Need more public input.
  - d) Marketing Tools: Carrie Biolo discussed advertising local events in the Marquette Monthly, brochures and business card.
8. Public Comment: Alex Sylvester brought up wanting to revive the Republic Moto Cross track. This could be done through volunteers, Charlie Niemi, and grants.
9. Adjournment: 8:05p.m.

Stephanie Christian

Recreation Committee Chairperson

*Stephanie Christian*



Republic Township

Recreation Committee

Meeting minutes for August 3, 2023

1. Call to Order: 7:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Stephanie Christian, Daniel Roberts, Kasey Saari-Skogman, Carrie Biolo, Alex Sylvester
3. Approval of the Agenda: Kasey Saari-Skogman made the motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carrie Biolo, motion passed.
4. Approval of the Minutes of July 6, 2023: Carrie Biolo made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Roberts, motion passed.
5. Public Comment: none
6. Old Business:
  - a) Disc Golf Update: The crowdfunding fundraiser met it's goal. Kim Daniels is going to write thank you letters to all of the sponsors. The goal is to have 9 holes cleared by winter. Tony Hauffman who has helped clear is down and out do to medical reasons. We can also ask Kelly Lee to volunteer some of his time and equipment. This many delay starting the next 9 holes. We may have to hire a company or someone to do it. Once the next 9 holes are completed, MDEC will give a press release. At that time Daniel will contact tv 6 and tv 19.
  - b) Republic Recreational Park Update: Daniel, Carrie and Alex and a representative from Rock Solid did a walkthrough of part of the 92 acres and along the River. Rock Solid is completing the concept plan by adding ADA trails and a foot path along the river.
  - c) Trust Fund Grant: Due by April 1, 2023
  - d) Republic Master Plan: Due at the same time as the Recreation Plan. The Recreation Committee will be working on the recreation section of the Master Plan.
  - e) Republic 5-year Recreation Plan: Due by February 1, 2024
7. New Business:
  - a) New Recreation Committee Member: Alex Sylvester has joined the Committee
  - b) Disc Golf Tournament: Daniel will ask the Township Board to host another Disc Golf tournament in October. This will take place at night with lighted discs.

c) Republic Moto-Cross Track Renovation: Alex Sylvester and Carrie Biolo will be working together on getting information.

d) Marketing Tools: Carrie Biolo suggested looking into making a brochure with Republic Township events all year

8. Public Comment: none

9. Adjournment: 8:00p.m.

Stephanie Christian/Recreation Committee Chairperson

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Republic Township

Recreation Committee

Meeting minutes for September 7, 2023

1. Call to Order: 7:35 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Stephanie Christian, Daniel Roberts, Melanie Brennan, Anita Reid
3. Approval of the Agenda: Daniel Roberts made the motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anita Reid, motion passed.
4. Approval of the Minutes of August 3, 2023: Melanie Brennan made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Roberts, motion passed.
5. Public Comment: none
6. Old Business:
  - a) Disc Golf Update: The Township Board approved of a Disc Golf tournament in October. It will be an ace race, glow sticks to be place in baskets. The Pine Grove is donating a drink ticket to be included in the player packs. Tony Hoffman cannot help with brush removal for next 9 baskets. Daniel Roberts will be contacting Kelly Lee to do job. Daniel Roberts wants next 9 to be cleared this fall. Daniel says there are two extra large tractor tires on course and would like to donate them to the school for their disc golf course.
  - b) Trust Fund Grant: Need to set up date to meeting together/sub committee?
  - c) Republic 5-year Recreation Plans: Talked about list of future goals for recreation in Republic.
  - d) Moto-Cross Update: Alex Sylvestor was absent but passed on to Daniels an idea about a youth dirt bike race at motocross course. A BMX club would host the event.
7. New Business:
  - a) Painting
    1. Mine Observatory: Republic Township has been given permission by the Mine owner to paint. Alex Sylvestor volunteered. Need to get paint and brushes.
    2. Mine gates: Republic Township has been given permission by the Mine owner paint
    3. Beach Bath house: Need to go see what colors are needed.
8. Public Comment: none

9. Adjournment: Stephanie Christian made the move to adjourn at 8:00p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Roberts, meeting adjourned.

Stephanie Christian/Recreation Committee Chairperson

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Republic Township

Recreation Committee

Meeting minutes for October 5, 2023

1. Call to Order: 7:37 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Stephanie Christian, Daniel Roberts, Melanie Brennan, Carrie Biolo, Anita Reid
3. Approval of the Agenda: Stephanie Christian made the motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anita Reid, motion passed.
4. Approval of the Minutes of August 3, 2023: Daniel Roberts made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie Brennan, motion passed.
5. Public Comment: none
6. Old Business:
  - a) Disc Golf Update: Clearing for the next 9 baskets to start, hopefully a work day set in the fall, weather permitting. Kelly Lee was hired to use his mulcher to clear brush. Need to ask the DPW to store new baskets. Dean Corvella is the person who put in the original basket. He has since passed away, and his family would like something to commemorate him, a plaque.
  - b) Republic 5-year Recreation Plan: Stephanie Christian and Carrie Biolo are working on the recreation plan.
  - c) Moto Cross Update: Daniel Roberts gave a brief summary of a possible event, including building a course through the disc golf course.
  - d) Painting Update: No more painting until next spring/summer. Alex Sylvestor and his crew finished painting the play ground equipment at the beach.
7. Public Comment: none
8. Adjournment: Stephanie Christian made the move to adjourn at 8:00p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Roberts, meeting adjourned.

Stephanie Christian/Recreation Committee Chairperson

Stephanie Christian

Republic Township

Recreation Committee

Meeting minutes for December 7, 2023

1. Call to Order: 7:37 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Stephanie Christian, Daniel Roberts, Kasey Saari-Skogman
3. Approval of the Agenda: Stephanie Christian made the motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anita Reid, motion passed.
4. Approval of the Minutes of October 5, 2023: Daniel Roberts made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kasey Saari-Skogman, motion passed.
5. Public Comment: none
6. Old Business:
  - a) Disc Golf Update: Land is still being clear for the next 9 baskets, The baskets have been ordered and delivered, the DPW is storing them.
  - b) Republic 5-year Recreation Plan: Stephanie and Carrie are working on the Rec plan.
  - c) Moto Cross Update: A gentleman filled out an event application and will be attending the next Township Board meeting.
7. Public Comment: none
8. Adjournment: Stephanie Christian made the move to adjourn at 7:45p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Roberts, meeting adjourned.

Stephanie Christian/Recreation Committee Chairperson

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Republic Township

Recreation Committee

Meeting minutes for February 1, 2024

1. Call to Order: 7:34 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Stephanie Christian, Melanie Brennan, Kasey Saari-Skogman, Carrie Biolo, Alex Sylvester
3. Approval of the Agenda: Stephanie Christian made the motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie Brennan, motion passed.
4. Approval of the Minutes of December 7, 2023: Kasey Saari-Skogman made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carrie Biolo, motion passed.
5. Public Comment: Kevin, the Hare Scramble event organizer attended the meeting and gave input on Recreation. He spoke of a motorized motorcycle/dirtbike trail system and possible adding Republic. Will need to research this, form a committee, bring to the Township Board.
6. Old Business:
  - a) DiscGolf Update: Daniel Roberts continues to clear brush and cut branches as weather permits. Ishpeming Concrete has been hired to pour concrete for the t-pads in the Spring of 2024.
  - b) Republic 5-year Recreation Plan: Seeking pictures to insert into the Recreation Plan. Jennifer Jones is going to type up a Natural Resource section for Recreation inventory. The Rec Committee is seeking input for the 5 year Recreation Plan from the public.
  - c) Moto Cross Update: The Republic Township Board approved an event. August 4, 2024. Named the "Hare Scramble", 2.4 trail was cut into the property. Some of the track went through the disc golf course. Kevin will repair anything damage. It is a one day event. Alex Sylvestor said Neimi would donate aggregate rock for trail and Alex will lay it out.
7. New Business:
  - a) Recreation and Public Input:
    1. Jennifer Jones was present and talked about eco tourism, having different Specialists do tours and classes of the area. (Ex: plant, water, mushrooms, trees, et )
    2. Adam Valeski attended and gave some input on the moto cross:

1) Needs maintenance-wider track

2) Needs to be more kid friendly

3) The stand needs to be painted

3. Aiden Valeski spoke on the basketball court at the beach. The concrete is cracked in places and needs sealed. The basketball poles need to be painted. One the hoops needs to be repaired.

b) EZ Ice Rink: Look into next year for area in South Republic already used for rink.

c) Shower/washer/dryer at the Welcoming Center: Eventually going to bring to the Board.

d) Earth Day/Garbage pickup April 22, 2024: Melanie and Kasey will talk to Barry from Pine Grove about putting on another garbage pick up day with food and refreshments from local businesses.

e) Beach: The bathhouse needs to be painted and touched up. The beach needs more sand and the playground needs more mulch. The Play ground also has mold and needs to be cleaned thoroughly.

8. Public Comment:

9. Adjournment: Stephanie Christian made the move to adjourn at 8:28p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Roberts, meeting adjourned.

Stephanie Christian/Recreation Committee Chairperson

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## Republic Township

### Recreation Committee

#### Meeting minutes for March 7, 2024

1. Call to Order: 7:35 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Stephanie Christian, Daniel Roberts, Melanie Brennan, Kasey Saari-Skogman, Carrie Biolo, Madeline Serota, Michael Serota
3. Approval of the Agenda: Daniel Roberts made the motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kasey Saari-Skogman, motion passed.
4. Approval of the Minutes of February 1, 2024: Kasey Saari-Skogman made the motion to approve with clerical corrections made, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie Christian, motion passed.
5. Public Comment:
6. Old Business:
  - a) DiscGolf Update: Clearing when weather permits, possible middle or end of April workday. Looking at later April to early May for concrete work. Looking to complete next 9 baskets by September 2024
  - b) Republic 5-year Recreation Plan: Madeline Serota to insert pictures into Recreation draft Plan. Jennifer Jones to write up natural resource inventory. The Recreation Committee is seeking input for the Recreation Plan update.
  - c) Moto Cross Update: Kevin Russin attended meeting. He discussed the "Hare Scramble" Event to take place August 4, 2024. He mentioned a camping permit and that Township will fill out. Stephanie Christian speak to Supervisor.
  - d) Earth Day-Garbage pick up:
7. New Business:
  - a) New Recreation Committee Members:
  - b) Election of Officers:

Carrie Biolo made the motion to Keep Stephanie Christian as Chairperson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie Brennan, motion passed. Carrie made the motion to keep Daniel Roberts as Vice Chair Person, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melanie Brennan, motion passed, and Carrie Biolo made the motion to nominate Madeline Serota as Secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie Christian, motion passed.
  - c) Beach Bathhouse: Outside mural needs to be fixed. Inside needs to be painted. Madeline Serota to go pick out colors and order from True Value.

Republic Township  
Recreation Committee  
Minutes for September 5, 2024  
Draft

1. Call to Order: 7:40p.m.

2. Roll Call: Stephanie Christian, Daniel Roberts, Melanie Brennan, Kasey Saari-Skogman, Carrie Biolo, Dew Griepentrog, Anita Reid, Alex Sylvester, Kim Issacson, Madeline Serota, Michael Serota

3. Approval of the Agenda: Stephanie Christian made the motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kasey Saari-Skogman, motion passed.

4. Approval of the minutes of July 11, 2024: Minutes were not available, tabled until next meeting on October 3, 2024.

5. Public Comment: none

6. Old Business:

a) Disc Golf Update: Ground sleeves were installed for the new holes and practice basket

b) Beach: Need mulch for beach playground, got pricing for mulch at Menards. Need to set up date to pressure wash playground.

c) Antique sign: Getting pricing for plywood and possible stensils. Antique owner gave okay to replace and paint new sign.

d) Republic Sign: Need ideas, need to find the company that printed out current sign, and or call around for a new sign and qoutes.

7. New Business:

a) Republic Township Multi-Purpose Recreational Area: Discussed filing a Trust Fund Grant for a path along the river, ADA accessible and possible small canoe/kayak launch.

b) Trust Fund Grant/Sub-Committee: Tabled until next meeting, not enough committee members present.

8. Public Comment: none.

9. adjournment: 8:15

CHAIRPERSON:

Stephanie Christian

Republic Township  
Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes for April 4, 2024  
Township Hall at 7:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order: 7:36pm
2. Roll Call: Stephanie Christian, Daniel Roberts, Melanie Brennan, Kasey Saari-Skogman, Madeleine Serota, Michael Serota
3. Approval of the Agenda: Kasey Saari-Skogman made the motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel Roberts, motion passed.
4. Approval of the Minutes March 7, 2024: Daniel Roberts made the motion to approve with clerical corrections made, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Serota, motion passed.
5. Public Comment: None
6. Old Business:
  - a. Disc Golf Update: Cleaned and trimmed 3 holes and hauled out 6 truck loads of brush. Daniel Roberts is looking for a wood chipper and plans on hosting another work day April 21<sup>st</sup>. Alex has a pavilion to donate to the course. We received approval to paint the gate yellow.
  - b. Republic 5-Year Recreation Plan Update: Michael Serota is updating the recreation plan with a map of each item in the Recreation Inventory. Madeleine Serota will be adding pictures to the recreation plan.
  - c. Painting Update: Need to talk with Sportsmen's club about Moose Rapids and Fishing Derby signs at the next Sportsmen's club meeting. Need to talk with Mike about helping fix the antique store sign.

7. New Business:

- a. Sub-Committees: Discussed creating Disc Golf and Painting sub-committees.

Discussed needing to repair the observatory.

8. Public Comment: None

9. Adjournment: Daniel Roberts made the motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Serota, meeting adjourned.

Republic Township  
Recreation Committee  
Agenda for May 2, 2024  
Township Hall at 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order: 7:36pm
2. Roll Call: Stephanie Christian, Melanie Brennan, Kasey Saari-Skogman, Carrie Biolo, Alex Sylvester, Madeline Serota, Michael Serota
3. Approval of the Agenda: Melanie made the motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carrie
4. Approval of the Minutes April 4, 2023: Michael made the motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Madeleine
5. Public Comment: None
6. Old Business:
  - a) Disc Golf Update: Lots of work was done last workday. Upcoming workday May 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - b) Republic 5-year Recreation Plan Update: Jennifer Jones will help amend the natural resources inventory by June 6<sup>th</sup>. Lyons club needs to be removed from the plan. Discussed ways to be more proactive with applying for grants in 2025.
  - c) Signs: Madi will reach out and gather pricing information (Lake Superior Press and Diamond House International). Alex has white paint for mine observation tower and will send a crew to paint it. Township has yellow paint for the gate at the motocross track. Alex will have his crew do it if we get the paint.
  - d) Motocross: Need more "Enter at your own risk" signage. Discussed making liability waivers more accessible by putting a box at the track entrance with waivers. Discussed the possibility of Jim talking to the township lawyer about liability issues, as well as the idea of putting trail

cams at track. DPW cuts the grass at the motocross track but does not do maintenance.

Maintenance is mostly volunteer based. Alex will send Boulder Alley logo for rec plan. Alex obtained the zoning permit for the pavilion and is working on a building permit. Alex will also donate picnic tables and Al Niemi will donate gravel for under the pavilion. Alex ordered a fire number and will work with Boulder Alley font to create a new sign at the Motocross track.

- e) Melanie gave an update about Earth Day cleanup. 20 people participated. 12 bags of trash were collected along Willow dr. and River Rd.

#### 7. New Business:

a) Painting and staining workdays: Discussed the need to paint/stain picnic tables, baseball field sign, etc. We will select a day to do this at the meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Alex has 30 gallons of the yellow stain used at the Pine Grove. Playground cleaning day postponed to May 11<sup>th</sup>. Alex will bring a power washer and is ordering simple green to help clean the picnic tables.

#### 8. Public Comment: None

- 9. Adjournment: 8:32 Mike made a motion to end the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carrie.

Stephanie Christian

Recreation Committee Chairperson

Republic Township  
Recreation Committee  
Minutes for June 6, 2024  
Township Hall at 7:30p.m.

1. Call to Order: 7:40pm

2. Roll Call: Stephanie Christian, Daniel Roberts, Melanie Brennan, Kasey Saari-Skogman, Madeline Serota, Michael Serota

3. Approval of the Agenda: Madeleine made the motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daniel, motion passed

4. Approval of the minutes of May 2, 2024: Kasey made the motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mel, motion passed.

5. Public Comment: None

6. Old Business:

a) Disc Golf Update: No work happening on the June 12<sup>th</sup>, next work day will be on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Tee pads will be put in by Moyle Construction between June 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be a tournament held July 27<sup>th</sup>

b) Painting and Staining: The antiques sign has to be painted the exact same way it appears now. The Sportsmen's club will be repairing/replacing the existing moose rapids sign outside the campground as well as the sign at river road and M95. Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> there will be people working on staining picnic tables for the township.

c) Republic 5-year Recreation Plan Update: This needs to be submitted ASAP. It can be updated at any time in the future.

d) Hare Scramble – Trails are being modified to avoid disc golf tee pads. Areas of the track which haven't been maintained are not draining water away adequately which has created the need to relocate parts of the trail to avoid muddy areas with poor drainage. Niemi excavating has offered to sponsor the hare scramble.

7. Public Comment: None

8. Adjournment: 8:34 Michael made the motion to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan, motion passed