

JIM KIPPOLA, Chairman
JACKIE KOSKI, Commissioner

JEANNIE CARLISLE, Vice Chairman

JOSEPH O. WASIE, Secretary
DAN ETELAMAKI, Commissioner

Humboldt Township Planning Commission

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Regular Meeting

Monday, January 25, 2016 – 7:00 PM

Humboldt Township Hall

Recording Secretary, Solomon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Wasie, Jeannie Carlisle, Dan Etelamaki, Jackie Koski
MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Kippola
STAFF PRESENT: Jackie Solomon, Recording Secretary
STAFF ABSENT: Howard Robare, Zoning Administrator
PUBLIC PRESENT: None

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Motion: Jim Kippola Chairperson; Jeannie Carlisle, Vice Chairman; Joseph Wasie, Secretary. Jackie Koski, Moved; Dan Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.

Vice Chairman, Jeannie Carlisle will Chair the meeting in Chairman Kippola's absence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**Motion: To approve the agenda as read.
Jackie Koski, Moved; Joseph Wasie, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Motion: To approve the December 21, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes as read.
Dan Etelamaki, Moved; Jackie Koski, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A) Memo – 1/4/16 from Jim Kippola, PC Chairman to Tom Prophet, Supervisor RE: Joint Rail Agreement
- B) Memo – 1/4/16 from Jim Kippola, PC Chairman to Tom Prophet, Supervisor RE: Recreation Plan
- C) Memo – 1/14/16 from Tom Prophet, Supervisor to Jim Kippola, PC Chairman re: REC Plan Adoption
- D) Memo – 1/19/16 from Jim Kippola, PC Chairman to Planning Commission Members RE: 2016 Work Program
- E) Memo – 1/19/16 from Jim Kippola, PC Chairman to Tom Prophet, Supervisor RE: 2015 Annual Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) **Recreation Plan.** The 2016-2020 Recreation Plan was adopted by Resolution at the January 11, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Township Board. We are awaiting DNR approval.

- B) **Cemetery Records Update and Proposed Cemetery Ordinance.** We have received the digital map from U.P. Engineers and Architects. Next step is transferring the information gathered from the cemetery survey to the digital map.
- C) **Capital Improvements Programming.**
 - a) The Commission discussed potential Capital Improvements. An addition to the Fire Hall was listed as a high priority, as well as a backup system for the Hall Computers and cemetery road improvement.
 - b) Budget Calendar/Ranking Criteria. The Commission discussed possibilities for budget calendar and ranking criteria and intend to discuss these issues more in depth at future meetings.
- D) **Street Lighting.** The Commission intend to discuss this at a later date.
- E) **Right to Farm Act.** The Commission discussed the Right to Farm Act and how it may undermine portions of the Zoning Ordinance.
- F) **Bylaws.** The Commission plans to discuss updates to the bylaws when all members are present.
- G) **Eagle Mine Tour** Jim Kippola, Joe Wasie, Dan Etelamaki and Jackie Solomon toured the Eagle Mine Humboldt Mill on Thursday, January 14. The tour was educational. Thank you to Matt Johnson and Eagle Mill.
- H) **Joint Meeting with Republic Planning Commission.** Jim Kippola has been in contact with the Republic Planning Commission Chairman. No date for a joint meeting has been set at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) **Review of Reestablishment of Republic to Humboldt Rail Spur.** Chairman Kippola submitted a memo to Tom Prophet of the Township Board stating that the Commission finds the general concept of the agreement is consistent with a number of Master Plan Goals and Recommendations, specifically the goal to encourage diversity in Humboldt Township's economic base to afford additional employment opportunities. Additionally, there are aspects that are inconsistent with the Master Plan Goals and Recommendations which support the notion of regional trails, specifically the goal to maintain and improve recreation opportunities for all current and future Humboldt Township residents. The Republic Township Planning Commission had no recommendations. Nothing more has been finalized on this agreement. Commissioner Koski stated that the Republic and Humboldt Township Boards plan to meet on this issue but are unsure of a date at this time.
- B) **2016 Work Program.** A memo of 2016 Work Program projects was delivered to the Planning Commission members from Chairman Kippola. Secretary Wasie suggested adding review of the Fire Hall Renovations to the program.
- C) **2015 Annual Report.** Chairman Kippola delivered a copy of his memo to Thomas Prophet dated 1/19/2016 with a list of 2015 accomplishments. The Commission commented that it was a comprehensive list and they felt they accomplished a good deal throughout the past year and look forward to another full year of service.

REPORTS:

- A) **Zoning Administrator Update.** No update.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION: Jackie Koski brought to the Commissions attention the desire of some to dedicate the Michigamme park to John Olson and encouraged anyone who agrees to submit a letter of support.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: To Adjourn meeting 8:34 PM

Joseph Wasie, Moved; Jeannie Carlisle, Supported; 4Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.

Joseph O. Wasie, Secretary