

**Van Buren County Planning Commission**  
**April 23, 2008**  
**219 Paw Paw St. Paw Paw**

**Minutes**

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

**Members in attendance:** Jeff Radtke, Kurt Doroh, Pam Stermer, Jim Ray, Ted Thar, Connie Selles, Scott Cedarquist, Jerry Campbell

**Absent:** Celinda Gilmore, Richard Corwin

**Public present:** Dave Foerster

*Agenda: approved after suggested amendment by Selles/ Ray Motion*

*Minutes of February 27, 2008 : Approved on a Cedarquist/ Doroh motion*

*Public Comment: See Attached*

**Reports:**

*County Commissioner – Jim Ray reported on Northpoint Property Conservation Easement*

*Southwestern Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) Representative – Jeff reported*

*Local visits - Doroh- Bangor Meeting regarding HUD homes. Cedarquist attempted to attend the March Columbia Twp. Meeting which had been rescheduled.*

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

*Zoning Reclassification review - Antwerp Twp. VBCPC Concurred with recommendation of Antwerp Planning Commission to Antwerp Township Board to approve this reclassification. Doroh/ Selles motion.*

*Reappointments Corwin, Doroh, Radtke - Thar reported that on April 8, 2008 Honorable Board of Commissioners reappointed Corwin, Doroh, and Radtke to 2 more years on VBCPC.*

*Decatur Twp. Zoning Ordinance Update review - VBCPC concurred with decision of Decatur Planning Commission to approve Decatur Twp. Updated Zoning Ordinance (rewrite) Selles/Doroh motion. It was noted that approval was based on knowledge that Decatur Twp. is working toward updating their Master Plan and certain revisions to that document will address some of the changes made in this document.*

*Waverly Twp. Future Land Use Plan review - VBCPC did not concur with the Waverly Twp. Planning Commission's recommendation to the Township Board for adoption of the Future Land Use Plan as amended. VBCPC noted reasons for this decision: 1. Goals and Objectives section indicates that Farmland within the Agricultural planning areas could be eligible for VBC's Farmland Preservation Program if this plan is amended and adopted by the Twp. Board. Based on survey of residents it appears they overwhelmingly support the preservation of farmland. 2. Waverly will need to send Land Use Plan to all abutting municipalities. (Thar will apologize to Fay Dorr for giving her misinformation). Ray/Cedarquist motion*

*MAP Membership Dues – Thar to make payments for*

*Planning & Zoning News Dues - Thar to make payments*

*Michigan Planning Enabling Act Training – Thar to check with budget and schedule June 10 in Kzoo*

Meeting Adjourned 9:05 Ray/ Cedarquist Motion