

**Van Buren County Planning Commission**

**May 28, 2008**

**219 Paw Paw St. Paw Paw**

**Minutes**

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

**Members in attendance:** Jeff Radtke, Kurt Doroh, Celinda Gilmore, Jim Ray, Ted Thar, Connie Selles, Scott Cedarquist, Jerry Campbell, Richard Corwin

**Absent:** Pam Stermer

**Public present:** Dave Foerster

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

**Minutes of April 23 :** Approved on a Cedarquist/ Doroh motion

**Public Comment:** Foerster commented on proposed phosphorous ban. He indicated that he had spoken with official of Wisconsin who has adopted a similar ordinance.

**Reports:**

County Commissioner – Nothing to report

Southwestern Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) Representative – none

Local visits – Campbell visited Decatur Twp master plan session. He and Cedarquist visited the Land Preservation Ceremony. Selles attended a water quality training.

**Unfinished Business:** Phosphorous Ban Ordinance

**New Business:**

*Porter Twp. Zoning Ordinance Amendment review* - VBCPC concurred with decision of Porter Planning Commission to approve Porter Twp. Zoning Ordinance Amendment on a Selles/Campbell motion with the following recommendations:

1. The building height (35') may be restrictive to certain commercial/industrial/or intensive agricultural operations.
2. Pg. 54 Section (f.) Should wetlands be excluded from this section as it is our interpretation that wetlands are open space.
3. Water front lot setbacks section 4.15 (pg. 50), the wording in this section conflicts with the chart in appendix a. One of these should be changed.

*Michigan Planning Enabling Act Training* – Celinda to be added to Benton Harbor Training.

Meeting Adjourned 7:30 Campbell/ Corwin Motion