

Van Buren County Planning Commission
January 24, 2007
219 Paw Paw St. Paw Paw

Minutes

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Members in attendance: Jeff Radtke, Pam Stermer, Kurt Doroh, Connie Selles, Jim Ray, Ted Thar

Absent: Celinda Gilmore, Jerry Campbell, Scott Cedarquist, Dan Gehl

Public present: Marcy Colclough (Smart Growth Scorecards)

Agenda: Amended to include Alma Twp. amendmenets. Approved on a Doroh, Ray motion.

Minutes of December 13, 2006: Approved on a Ray, Doroh motion.

Public Comment: None

Reports: *County Commissioner* – Jim Ray reported that he had been reappointed to the VBCPC for 2 yrs.

Southwestern Michigan Commission (SWMC) Representative – Radtke gave report on SWMPC. Also, Southwest Michigan Planning Commission is new name

Unfinished Business:

Smart Growth Scorecards – Colclough presented new Smart Growth Scorecard Sheets. VBCPC agreed that these were a very good start. It was agreed on a Doroh/Stermer motion, that Thar will send these out to Municipal Clerks for further comment at next meeting. The overall feeling was that these may need adjustment for some municipalities.

Budget Amendment - Thar indicated we should have answer by next meeting

Porter Twp. Zoning Amendment- VBCPC thanked Porter Twp. for including us in their Amendment Process. We have no further comments on the changes, and will file them in the current folders.

New Business:

South Haven Township Zoning Amendment - Concurred with South Haven PC on decision to recommend proposed amendments on Park Meadows Project. Much discussion was held on this matter regarding public opposition, however VBCPC did not see grounds to go against SHPC recommendations to approve request. It was noted that SH Twp. should look into traffic situation on M-43 Corridor as more development occurs. We see it as an area of future concern.

Almena Twp. Zoning Amendment. - - VBCPC thanked Alma Twp. for including us in their Amendment Process. We have no further comments on the changes, and will file them in the current folders.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 PM. Stermer/ Doroh motion