

Van Buren County Planning Commission
January 26, 2011
219 Paw Paw Street Paw Paw, MI. 49079
Minutes

Call to Order: 6:32 pm

Members in Attendance: Jan Petersen, Jeff Radtke, Dick Godfrey, Pam Stermer, Tony Hemenway, Ted Thar, Kurt Doroh, Connie Selles, Scott Cedarquist

Absent: Celinda Gilmore

Public Present: Joe Thorstenson, Wendy Mickle (sp?), Don Waite, William Ogden
Jan Ogden, Jan Wilder, Dave Wilder, Chuck Eckenstahler, Steve Manning

Agenda: Doroh/Cedarquist motion to approve

Minutes December 15, 2010: Godfrey/Doroh motion to approve amended minutes

Public Comment: Lots of discussion regarding the Almena Conditional Rezoning. Comments made by Thorstenson, Mickle (sp?) Jan Wilder, Eckenstahler, and Manning

Reports:

County Commissioner – Nothing new to report

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) – None

Local Visits – None

Unfinished Business:

Discussion regarding County Land Use Planning – Thar discussed schedule of meetings. Will contact VBISD to move meeting dates, and report findings.

New Business:

Almena Township Conditional Rezoning – Motion by Stermer/Doroh, 5-1 vote, to concur with the recommended changes with comments. Radtke Abstained. Lots of discussion on this topic included how it fit with master plan, elements of C3 zone, truck traffic, options previously explored for this property, conditions of this agreement, some details of the proposed expansion.

Allegan County Master Plan: Comments made regarding their Master Plan included; Very Descriptive, informative section of the demographics, Aggressive to attempt uniform classifications but good idea, Need to recognize DEQ & DNR, should include information from Watershed plans which include much of Allegan. Cedarquist pointed out typo on pg 37 regarding years in PA116.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 Motion by Doroh/ Selles – unanimous vote.