

Van Buren County Planning Commission
March 23, 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, Kurt Doroh, Scott Cedarquist, Ted Thar

Absent: Connie Selles, Celinda Gilmore

Public Present: Dave Foerster

Agenda Doroh/Cedarquist motion to approve amended

Minutes February 23, 2011: Doroh/Selles motion to approve minutes. Doroh asked if Corwin wants to receive packet.

Public Comment: Foerster commented on unfinished business.

Reports:

County Commissioner – Godfrey mentioned Congress Upton’s visit

Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) – Radtke reported on possible reduction of SWMPC Board

Local Visits – Petersen- Hartford Twp.; Godfrey – Almena, Bloomingdale; Cedarquist-Geneva, Bangor Twp; Stermer-Lawton, Porter. Cedarquist and Doroh to switch Bangor and Columbia/Breedsville

Unfinished Business:

Discussion regarding County Land Use Planning – Thar discussed the upcoming meeting.

New Business:

Paw Paw Twp. Zoning Amendment - Motion by Doroh/Hemenway to concur with Zoning Ordinance amendments regarding the Road House Grill as presented. Unanimous vote

Covert Twp. Zoning Amendments –

- 1. Motion by Doroh/Cedarquist unanimous to not concur with the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding the keeping of animals. Comments included that the language was not consistent with other municipalities. May consider the use of units/acre to make it more clear how many are acceptable.*
- 2. Motion by Cedarquist/Petersen to concur with the amendment to establish Village Mixed Use District and Amend Map. Unanimous.*

Almena Twp. Zoning Amendments - Motion by Petersen/Stermer to concur with Zoning Ordinance amendments as written. Unanimous

Lawrence Twp. Zoning Amendments – Motion by Doroh/Cedarquist to concur with amendments to Zoning Ordinance concerning the Agricultural Preservation District. Unanimous. Comments included the Master Plan should be updated, and probably should have been prior to this action.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:03 Motion by Doroh/Cedarquist – unanimous vote.