

Van Buren County Planning Commission
March 25, 2009
219 Paw Paw St. Paw Paw
Minutes

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Members in attendance: Ted Thar, , Pam Stermer, Kurt Doroh,, Connie Selles, Denise Massey, Scott Cedarquist, Jeff Radtke, Celinda Gilmore

Absent: Jerry Campbell, Richard Corwin

Public present: Tom Ellis (Bangor Twp.)

Agenda: Doroh/Massey motion, unanimous vote to accept agenda

Minutes of February 25, 2009: Approved on a Doroh/Massey motion, unanimous vote, Cedarquist abstained

Public Comment: None

Reports:

County Commissioner – Commissioner Massey: Nothing new to report
Southwestern Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) Representative – None
Local visits –None

Unfinished Business: Thar spoke of the current status of the County Land Use Planning. He indicated that he had spoken to the Coastal Zones Program director to find if the grant could be used for County-wide Master Plan revision. She indicated that only local municipalities would qualify. He also is continuing discussion with LIAA about possible grant opportunities. Discussion with Marcy Colclough were fruitful in finding that some mapping may have been done in the areas with the Paw Paw and Black River Basins. More to be reported next month.

Radtke reassigned VBCPC members to make local visits or contact local officials when possible regarding their assistance in our update process. This may include sharing data & maps regarding planning, attending meetings, and reviewing final revisions.

New Business:

Pine Grove Twp. Zoning Text Amendment- Comments were made regarding the text on Wind turbines. In regards to other Ordinances we have seen they weren't as comprehensive. Motion (Massey/ Cedarquist unanimous) to Concur with the submitted Zoning Amendments as suggested by the Pine Grove Twp. Planning Commission.

South Haven Twp. Zoning Text Amendment. Questions arose regarding the Mausoleum and if there was consideration of setting up a fund for maintenance in perpetuity. Motion (Massey/ Cedarquist unanimous) to Concur with the submitted Zoning Amendments as suggested by the South Haven Twp. Planning Commission.

Reappointments of Jerry Campbell and Pam Stermer: Motion (Gilmore/Doroh) to reappoint both to another term. Vote Unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned - 7:30 Doroh/Stermer Motion unanimous