

**Van Buren County Planning Commission**  
**August 1, 2007**  
**219 Paw Paw St. Paw Paw**

**Minutes**

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

**Members in attendance:** Jeff Radtke, Connie Selles, Jerry Campbell, Kurt Doroh, Scott Cedarquist, Pam Stermer, Richard Corwin, Ted Thar

**Absent:** Celinda Gilmore, Jim Ray

**Public present:** Chuck Eckenstahler, Julie Pioch

**Agenda:** Approved on a Cedarquist /Campbell motion

**Minutes of April 25, 2007 :** Approved on with change made to wording on Cedarquist, Doroh motion.

**Public Comment:** Julie Pioch MSUE informed of upcoming training series for Citizen Planner  
Chuck Eckenstahler explained some of the process by which Covert Twp mad the LUP Map more consistent with the newly amended Zoning Ordinance. Also announced the partnership with McKenna in future as he phases out to retirement

**Reports:**

*County Commissioner* – Jim Ray Not Present

*Southwestern Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) Representative* – Radtke gave report for Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

*Local visits:* Selles attended Almena Twp. Board Meeting and Paw Paw River Watershed Meeting Brought in Green Infrastructure Handout

Cedarquist & Radtke attended the Land Preservation Board Meeting – discussed Sale of County Property (aka. Northpoint Conservation Area)

**Unfinished Business:**

Resignation of VBCPC Member - VBCPC Accepts resignation of Dan Gehl  
Appointment of New VBCPC Member – VBCPC welcomes Richard Corwin as new appointee to the Committee

**New Business:**

Covert Twp. Future Land Use Plan Map Update Amendment- VBCPC Accepts and filed map as amended.

Almena Twp. Zoning Amendment- Supported the decision by Almena Twp Planning Commission to recommend to the Almena Twp. Board to deny the zoning amendment of Tremblay Property. Doroh/Corwin Motion

Budget 07' – 08' - Thar gave report on Next years budget. Will be same as amended budget from this year

Meeting Adjourned 8:10 PM Doroh/ Stermer Motion