

Village of Kingsley Planning Commission & Paradise Township Planning Commission
Joint Meeting

October 9, 2007
Paradise Township Hall

Meeting Notes

Present:

Kingsley Planning Commission: Heather Smith, Chair; Scott Hinson, Vice Chair; Donna Martin; Robert Torres; Dawn Willman.

Paradise Planning Commission: Michael Geisert, Chair, Gene Wadford, Vice Chair.

Others Present: Marvin Radtke, Jr., Paradise Township Planning & Zoning Official; John Sych, Grand Traverse County Planning Director, Adam Umbrasas, Kingsley Village Manager; and, Robert Whims, Paradise Township Trustee, Tom Raven.

John Sych, acting as moderator, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Introductions of those present were made.

Truck By-Pass of the Village of Kingsley:

Adam Umbrasas reported this is not a priority for the Village Council at this time.

Trails:

Sych presented an overview of the County trail summit held in May. He presented a map of Paradise Township and Kingsley that had the recommendations of five groups at the trail summit for location of future trails in the area.

It was agreed that a connection from Kingsley north to the pond at Mayfield Park made sense. The route could be along the railroad right-of-way or along the Garfield Road right-of-way. This type of trail would most likely be a biking and hiking trail. Going through the Village, the trail should have spurs to the high school and Civic Center South.

There was discussion about snowmobile trails and making a better connection east to Fife Lake and then points south. It was noted that the White Pine trail down near Cadillac allows snowmobiles. A suggested route into the Village is along the railroad easement by Kingsley Ridge, through Grove Park, and to the Kingsley Inn which is a destination for snowmobile riders. A trail is needed to the east along M-113 to the gas station, but it should be located at the rear of parcels. From the gas station, the trail would go north of Bobcat Commons to Summit City Road.

It was recommended that any trail planning should involve user groups, particularly the snowmobile rider groups.

Updates:

Paradise Township will hold a public hearing on its new zoning ordinance on October 24th at 7:00 p.m.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) enhancement project for M-113 in Kingsley is in the design stage. Costs have increased since the original project proposal.

A brief overview of the Grand Vision was presented by Sych. The first of several workshops for the Grand Vision is scheduled for October 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the Park Place Hotel.

The County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority has a \$200,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to identify and assess petroleum contaminated sites around the county.

Next Meeting:

It was agreed that the next joint meeting would be determined at a later date (April 2008 or sooner as needed).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.