

**Paradise Township Planning Commission Minutes**  
**Joint Meeting with Village of Kingsley Planning Commission**  
**Tuesday, July 24, 2007**  
**Township Hall, 2300 E. M-113, Kingsley, MI 49649**

- A. Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.**
- B. Township Planning Commissioners Present:** Geisert, Bach, Conroy, Tuller, Sedlacek, Inman Excused: Wadford
- C. Village Planning Present:** Duffing, Algers, Smith, Torres, Village Manager: Adam Umbrasas  
**Also Present:** Planner/Zoning Administrator, Marvin Radtke, Township Supervisor Marie Dean, Township Trustee Robert Whims, County Planner John Sych
- D. Introductions & Updates:** John Sych, County Planner moderated the meeting. Commissioners introduced themselves.
- E. Recap: Inter-Jurisdictional Diplomacy Seminar for Land Use Planning and Community Development** – Umbrasas and Inman discussed what they learned at the class.
- F. Ideas for Joint Planning (From June 19 meeting):**
1. Truck bypass around Village – Roundtable discussion on a new bypass. Umbrasas said the village prefers trucks to use an alternate route, such as Clark Rd. but MDOT claims that road is not feasible for trucks in winter. They do not want to lose the traffic for the downtown. Village PC view the bypass as their problem and not necessarily the townships and will take up the matter with their village council. Further discussion will take place on this subject in the future between commissions.
  2. Trails – Umbrasas – Russ Clark, Chairman of the trails committee, will be coming up with a map in August to see what parts of the trail are missing. We need to review to see where the trail needs to connect. Roundtable discussion on trail system from trailer park to the high school. The school children crossing M-113 and village streets are a definite concern. Further discussion to take place at a later date.
  3. Dark Skies – The Village Planning Commission and Township Planning Commission are pleased with their current ordinance language and have not received complaints. No further discussion on this subject.
  4. Master Plan Update – Sych discussed the need to get a better study of both plan. We need to make sure our plans mesh well together and get a study group when we update our master plans in the future. It is a possibility to create a joint planning commission in the future, particularly for subjects such as this. Radtke – we can review our master plan as often as we like; however; we need to get the blessings of our legislative bodies for a joint planning commission, etc. It is possible that Mayfield would want to join the joint planning commission and possibly Fife Lake, as they have just lost their zoning administrator to Leelanau.
  5. Other Topics – Sedlacek asked Umbrasas how soon they will be relocating their village offices. Umbrasas said they will be having a ceremonial groundbreaking for the office and library building during Heritage Days in August. Sedlacek discussed a potential buyer for the KMP building and the need for a new fire barn. Currently we have no backup plan if we have a buyer for the building and need a place to put the fire trucks. The KMP building no longer works for the fire department as there are problems with ingress/egress, roof, furnace and bringing it up to code. The cost is almost as much for a new building. R. Whims has a bid for a new fire barn and would like to get more for the township.

6. Sych recommended we share our minutes with the village and vice versa. *Joint meeting has been scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the township offices to discuss trails, Master Plan ideas, fire barn and any updates on the bypass.*
- G. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned by Sych at 8:15 p.m.**