

**Paradise Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting**

Thursday, June 4, 2009

7:00 p.m.

**Paradise Township Hall
2300 E. M-113, Kingsley, MI 49649**

MINUTES

A. Meeting called to order by Chairman Geisert at 7:01 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Michael Geisert (Chairman), Phil Hamner (Vice Chairman), Phil Case (Secretary), Rob Whims (Paradise Township Trustee/Board Rep.), Tim Wicksall (Commissioner), and Tony Weber (Commissioner).

Members Absent: It was noted that Ron Sedlacek has resigned from the Planning Commission.

Also Present: Mark Schaub, Shelly Fuller (Area Director of USDA Rural Development), Marie Dean (Paradise Township Supervisor), Marvin Radtke (Paradise Township Zoning/Planner Administrator), and Jennifer Scout (Recorder).

C. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Whims, seconded by Hamner, to approve minutes of May 7, 2009, Planning Commission meeting, with no corrections. CARRIED

D. Changes/Deletions to Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

E. Communications

1. Chairman Geisert spoke to Planning Commissioner Ron Sedlacek regarding the Planning Commission Meetings. Mr. Sedlacek indicated that he would like to resign from the commission.
2. Marvin Radtke, Zoning/Planner Administrator, presented a letter to the Planning Commission dated May 28, 2009 regarding Slaughter Houses.

F. Public Input

No public input.

G. Slaughter House Presentation

Paradise Township resident Mark Schaub presented a letter to the Planning Commission regarding a request to build a structure for custom processing of poultry.

Marvin Radtke, Zoning/Planner Administrator, also asked the Commission to review the letter previously submitted under "E. Communications" regarding Slaughter Houses.

Shelly Fuller, Area Director of USDA Rural Development, spoke to the Commission regarding improving regulations regarding retail sales, processing, and sustainable farming. She submitted the following documents to the Commission for review:

1. *"Improving the Business Environment – Smarter regulations help supply meet demand."*
2. *"Northwest Michigan's Farm Factor – Economic Impacts, Challenges, and Opportunities." – Michigan Land Use Institute – February 2009.*
3. *Peninsula Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 139A & 139B.*

H. Old Business

1. Master Plan Review

Chairman Geisert indicated that he would like to submit the following items taken from the Boardman Valley Plan for consideration to be included in the Paradise Township Master Plan:

1. Buffering - to preserve rural character.
2. Conservation Easements.
3. Trails – connectivity.
4. Down Zoning.
5. Road System – repairs.

It was decided the Planning Commission would review Sections 1 – 3 of the Master Plan for the July Planning Commission Meeting. It will be placed on the Agenda for discussion at the July Meeting.

I. New Business

1. Classification of Slaughter House

This item will be moved to Item “L. Agenda for the next meeting.” The Commission asked Marv to do some research on ordinances regarding site development for Slaughter Houses, the processing of waste, and the impact.

J. Reports

1. Trustee Representative

Mr. Whims reported that there has been some progress made with Mr. Vern Robinson. He has had help with putting his fences up and landscaping. Mr. Hamner volunteered his dumpster to Mr. Robinson to help with getting rid of some his trash that has accumulated in his garage.

The Board will be nominating replacement representatives for the Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation Board.

2. ZBA Representative

There will be a ZBA Meeting in July.

3. Planning and Zoning

Marv reported that the Barnum Cemetery land issue has been resolved. The EMS Building site has had a few improvements: parking lot paving/stripping, and seeding of the lawn. There have been presentations made to the Township Board regarding the Transfer Station. Marv indicated that he has been diligently doing research on Slaughter Houses and the Master Plan. The Trails Committee will be presenting a draft map to Kingsley Schools, Village of Kingsley, and Paradise Township. They estimate the project to be done by August 2009.

4. Chair

The Chairman has nothing to report.

K. Election of Officers

The following nominations were made:

Chair: *Commissioner Wicksall nominated Commissioner Michael Geisert. Mr. Geisert respectfully declined.*

Commissioner Wicksall nominated Commissioner Phil Hamner, seconded by Commissioner Phil Case.

Vice Chair: *Commissioner Phil Case nominated Commissioner Tim Wicksall, seconded by Commissioner Hamner.*

Secretary: *Commissioner Rob Whims nominated Commissioner Phil Case, seconded by Commissioner Hamner.*

Moved by Geisert to accept these nominations.
YEA: 6 NAY: 0

CARRIED

L. Agenda for next meeting

Old Business: Slaughter House
New Business: Master Plan Sections 1 – 3

M. Adjournment

Moved by Whims, seconded by Whicksall, to adjourn.

CARRIED

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JULY 2, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE
PARADISE TOWNSHIP HALL, 2300 EAST M-113, KINGSLEY, MI.**