

**Paradise Township Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, July 2, 2009  
7:00 p.m.  
Paradise Township Hall  
2300 E. M-113, Kingsley, MI 49649**

**MINUTES**

**A. Meeting called to order by Chairman Hamner at 7:00 p.m.**

**B. Roll Call**

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

**Also Present:** Mark Schaub, Marvin Radtke (Paradise Township Zoning/Planner Administrator), and Jennifer Scout (Recorder).

**C. Approval of Minutes**

***Moved by Whims, seconded by Case, to approve minutes of June 4, 2009, Planning Commission meeting, with no corrections. CARRIED***

**D. Changes/Deletions to Agenda**

No changes were made to the agenda.

**E. Communications**

1. The Draft Trail Plan put together by Kingsley Schools, Village of Kingsley, and Paradise Township made possible by a Partnership for Change Grant through LIAA is complete. Marvin Radtke, Planning and Zoning Administrator will be presenting this DRAFT plan at the August Planning Commission Meeting.
2. There will be a Quarterly Meeting of Planning Commission Chairs and Zoning Administrators hosted by Grand Traverse County.

**F. Public Input**

No public input.

## **G. Old Business**

### **1. Slaughter House**

Marvin Radtke, Township Zoning/Planning Administrator, reported that he researched the placement of Slaughter Houses within Michigan Townships. Information was so scarce that he had to expand his search to out of State. The majority were found to be in the Industrial/Commercial District listed as a special use. The issues surrounding Slaughter Houses usually included odors, traffic, waste, stacking of semi's, water supply, and sanitary disposal facilities.

After some discussion the Commission expressed a desire to accommodate Mr. Schaub's request and recognizes his need for things to move along quickly. However, they indicated that there is a process that needs to be followed. The Commission feels that they need to be cautious in developing this ordinance so that it will protect and benefit all parties affected and involved.

The Commission requested that Mr. Radtke put together some development standards for Slaughter Houses. Mr. Whims requested that Marv should also research the regulations from the State for waste processing, water capacity, and issues surrounding waste management. This issue will be moved to Item "J. Agenda for the next meeting" where it will be readdressed under Old Business.

## **H. New Business**

### **1. Master Plan Review: Chapters 1-3**

#### **Section I.**

Update Statutes.

#### **Section II.**

Chairman Hamner appointed a Township Background and History Subcommittee. Members: Commissioner Case, Commissioner Wicksall, Marvin Radtke, and Floyd Webster (Township Resident).

#### **Section III.**

Include information received from 2009 Community Survey.

It was noted that a **Table of Contents** needs to be added to the beginning of the Master Plan once it has been completed.

**Assignments for next meeting:**

Develop Master Plan Guiding Principles.

Chairman Hamner asked the Commissioners to keep the following in mind when developing these principles:

Master Plan Guiding Principles

1. It is the peoples plan – it should reflect the vision and goals of Paradise Township Residents.
2. It should answer questions – not ask.

Section IV.

Develop some Basic Goals. It was noted that the 2009 Community Survey will alter this list.

**I. Reports**

**1. Trustee Representative**

Mr. Whims reported that the Township Board has appointed Mr. Rob Lajko to the Planning Commission and Mr. Laren Thorson to The Zoning Board of Appeals. He has also received word that there has been a cut on State funds for this year as well as next year.

**2. ZBA Representative**

There is a meeting scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup>.

**3. Planning and Zoning**

Marv reported he issued 3 Land Use Permits. Clean Up Day was a great success. Eight out ten outstanding trash complaints were taken care of as a result. However, he has received a few new ones. He has had meetings with Representatives Schmidt and Allen and left messages with Michelle McManus regarding revenue sharing, wind energy system conversion, discrepancies with the MI Planning Enabling Act and the MI Zoning Enabling Act. It was reported that there has been a cut a 15% cut in State funds. As a result of this the Township has put a freeze on purchasing non-essentials.

**4. Chair**

The Chairman has nothing to report.

**J. Agenda for next meeting**

**New Business:**

- 1. Trail Plan – DRAFT**
- 2. Planning Department Budget**

**Old Business:**

- 1. Slaughter House: Development Standards**
- 2. Master Plan**
  - Master Plan Guiding Principles
  - Section IV

**K. Adjournment**

*Moved by Whims, seconded by Geisert, to adjourn. CARRIED*

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 6, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE  
PARADISE TOWNSHIP HALL, 2300 EAST M-113, KINGSLEY, MI.**

Minutes prepared by:  
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Office Administrator/Recorder