

**Paradise Township Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, August 6, 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 7:04 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:** Max Lown (Zoning Board of Appeals Chair), Marvin Radtke (Paradise Township Zoning/Planner Administrator), and Jennifer Scout (Recorder).

**C. Approval of Minutes**

***Moved by Case, seconded by Weber, to approve minutes of July 2, 2009, Planning Commission meeting, with no corrections. CARRIED***

**D. Changes/Deletions to Agenda**

No changes were made to the agenda.

**E. Communications**

1. *Blair Township Master Plan:* The Planning Commission requested that Mr. Radtke review the Blair Township Master Plan Amendment and provide a report regarding the impact to Paradise Township at the next Commission Meeting.

2. *Letter from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources:* Mr. Radtke submitted a letter from MDNR regarding Natural River Zoning in Paradise Township. MDNR advised Paradise Township to change the word "building" in *Section 9.04, Waterside setbacks, #1*, to "structure". The Commission requested Mr. Radtke to draft a letter to Mr. Brian Bury, Northern Michigan Rivers Administrator, asking for clarification and suggestions.

## **F. Public Input**

Mr. Radtke introduced Max Lown (ZBA Chair) to the Planning Commission.

## **G. Old Business**

### **1. Slaughter House**

Mr. Radtke, Township Zoning/Planning Administrator, presented **DRAFT** Site Development Standards for Slaughter House.

The Commission edited the Site Development Standards and requested that Mr. Radtke provide some additional information at the next meeting.

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

Chairman Hamner handed out "**Master Plan Strategic Goals**" as a guide for the Commissioners to use when developing their lists of goals for the Master Plan. Due to time constraints this item under will be moved to the September meeting

## **H. New Business**

***Moved by Whims, seconded by Wicksall, to table Items 1 & 2 under H. New Business till the September meeting*** **CARRIED**

## **I. Reports**

### **1. Trustee Representative**

Mr. Whims reported that State funding will most likely be cut even more. We are waiting for exact numbers.

### **1. ZBA Representative**

Mr. Wicksall reported that the ZBA met on July 16<sup>th</sup>. There was no change in the election of Officers. The ZBA has decided to meet again in January. They have asked Mr. Radtke to put together a few mock cases for them to go over.

## 2. Planning and Zoning

Mr. Radtke reported that he is up to 14 permits for the year. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is being updated. However, it is currently on hold to see if the Township and the Village of Kingsley will join forces. He has been investigating junk site locations that were given to the Township by the State. There were a total of ten (10) sites reported by the State. Mr. Radtke indicated that only three (3) of the ten (10) were confirmed. The EMS Building is coming in under budget. In regard to the Septage Treatment Facility it was reported that Water/Sewer/Septage is seeking RFQ's for Engineering and Legal Services. Resource Recovery is seeking legal counsel. The MSU Extension will be holding two (2) workshops in August:

1. ***Growth through Adaptive Reuse:*** This workshop will explore three types of adaptive reuse: greyfield, brownfield and historical. This session explores how communities can improve their economic future and save their green infrastructure, which are crucial to sustainable communities, by employing adaptive use.
2. ***Growth through Green Development:*** This workshop will offer attendees an introduction to the many facets and perspective of green development. The goal is to increase awareness of green development strategies, techniques and tools that can be used when planning sites, neighborhoods, communities and regions.

## 3. 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 Standards**
2. **Master Plan**
  - **Community Survey Results**
  - **Master Plan Guiding Principles**
  - **Section IV**
  - **History Committee Update**
3. **Blair Township Master Plan**

**K. Adjournment**

*Moved by Whims, seconded by Wicksall, to adjourn.*

**CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE  
PARADISE TOWNSHIP HALL, 2300 EAST M-113, KINGSLEY, MI.**

Minutes prepared by:  
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