

**Paradise Township Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, October 1, 2009  
7:00 p.m.  
Paradise Township Hall  
2300 E. M-113, Kingsley, MI 49649**

**MINUTES**

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

**B. Roll Call**

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

**Members Absent:** Rob Lajko (Commissioner) – excused

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

**C. Approval of Minutes**

***Moved by Geisert, seconded by Weber, to approve minutes of August 6, 2009, Planning Commission meeting, with no corrections. CARRIED***

**D. Changes/Deletions to Agenda**

The following items were deleted from the Agenda:

Old Business:

- 2. Master Plan Review Chapter 4 and guiding principles
- 4. Planning Budget

New Business:

- 2. Planning Department Budget

**E. Communications**

- 1. *Elections to re-assign Officers:* According to the Planning Commission Bylaws:

***(Section 1.3.b) “The Vice-Chairperson shall act in the capacity of the Chairperson in his/her absence and in the event the office of the Chairperson becomes vacant, the Vice-Chairperson shall succeed to this office for the unexpired term and the Planning Commission shall select a successor to the office of Vice-Chairperson for the unexpired term.”***

Therefore, Tim Wicksall, as the Vice Chairperson, shall succeed to the office of Chairperson due to the death of the Planning Commission Chairman Phil Hamner. The members will hold elections for a new Vice-Chairperson after the Township Board has appointed a new officer to the Planning Commission. Elections will be placed on the November Agenda in order to allow time for advertisement.

2. *Direct Deposit:* Mr. Radtke indicated that the Township will be offering Direct Deposit.
3. *County Planning Annual Awards Banquet:* Mr. Radtke indicated that the County Planning Annual Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Nominations will be accepted until October 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Radtke would like the Planning Commission to consider nominating Mr. Phil Hamner for the *Frank Purvis Stewardship Award*.

***Moved by Case, seconded by Whims, to nominate Mr. Phil Hamner for the Frank Purvis Stewardship Award. CARRIED***

Mr. Radtke indicated that the application for the nomination should be submitted to the County Planning Office by October 12<sup>th</sup>. He will need to have comments submitted to him by Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> in order to give him some time to put them together.

4. *Blair and Fife Lake Master Plans:* Mr. Radtke submitted copies of correspondence from Grand Traverse County Planning Commission to Blair Township and Fife Lake Township regarding their Master Plans.

**F. Public Input**

No public input.

**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 make the requested changes. The Site Development Standards will be added to the November Planning Commission Meeting Agenda.

**2. Trail Plan**

The DRAFT *Kingsley – Paradise Community Pathway Plan* was presented to the Planning Commission.

***Moved by Geisert, seconded by Case, to agree in concept to the Kingsley – Paradise Community Pathway Plan and recommend that we continue with scheduling the joint Township/Village Public Hearing.***  
**CARRIED**

**H. New Business**

**1. 2009 Community Survey Presentation**

The Planning Commission discussed the results of 2009 Community Survey. The Master Plan development will be put on hold so that the Commission can have some time to interpret the results and come to a general consensus of the Township's needs and goals.

**I. Reports**

**1. Trustee Representative**

Mr. Whims reported that the Township Board will be advertising for Applications of Interest to fill openings on the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Cemetery Board.

**2. ZBA Representative**

Nothing to report.

### 3. Planning and Zoning

Mr. Radtke reported that he is up to 25 permits for the year. He has had a number of inquiries regarding Daycare and Residential Care facilities. He helped plant over 100 shrubs and trees at Mayfield Pond Park for the shoreline buffer. There will an Open House/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Fire/EMS Building on October 10<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mr. Radtke also reported that Revenue sharing has been cut +/- 11%. In regards to the Septage Treatment Plant, the County would like to enact a special assessment that will be \$40.40 per year for five (5) years which would allow unlimited use of the facility of which there would be no cost except for transportation costs.

### 4. Chair

The Chairman has nothing to report.

### J. Agenda for next meeting

#### Old Business:

1. Slaughter House Standards
2. Trail Plan

#### New Business:

1. 2009 Community Survey

### K. Adjournment

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

**CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE  
PARADISE TOWNSHIP HALL, 2300 EAST M-113, KINGSLEY, MI.**