

**Paradise Township Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 4, 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), Zach Cole (Vice Chair), Phil Case (Secretary), Rob Lajko (Commissioner), Robert Whims (Paradise Township Trustee/Board Rep.)

**Members Absent:** Michael Geisert (Commissioner) - excused, Tony Weber (Commissioner).

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

**C. Approval of Minutes**

***Moved by Case, seconded by Whims, to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2009, Planning Commission meeting with no corrections.  
CARRIED***

**D. Changes/Deletions to Agenda**

There were no changes to the Agenda.

**E. Communications**

1. *County Planning Annual Awards Banquet:* Will be November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.
2. *Annual Christmas Gathering:* Mr. Radtke reported that the Annual Christmas Gathering will be hosted by the Village of Kingsley this year. They are thinking about holding it on December 10<sup>th</sup> (preferably) or Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. They will make a decision at the next Village Council Meeting.

**F. Public Input**

No public input.

## **G. Public Input**

No public input.

## **H. Old Business**

### **1. Slaughter House Standards**

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

The Commission made some minor changes to the Site Development Standards.

***Moved by Whims, seconded by Case, to forward the Site Development Standards for "Minor Slaughterhouse" to the Township Board and recommend that we continue with scheduling the Township Public Hearing in accordance with notice requirements. CARRIED***

### **2. Trail Plan**

A meeting was held on October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Kingsley Village Offices regarding the Kingsley – Paradise Community Pathway Plan. All participants have consented to the plan. The tentative processing schedule is as follows:

<b>December:</b>	Presentation of the Kingsley – Paradise Community Pathway Plan
<b>January:</b>	Public Hearings
<b>February:</b>	Adoption of the Presentation of the Kingsley – Paradise Community Pathway Plan

Mr. Radtke reported that Paradise Township and the Village of Kingsley are working together to create a joint Parks and Recreation Master Plan. When the Pathway Plan has been adopted they will be inserting it into the Master Plan.

## **H. New Business**

### **1. 2009 Community Survey Results – Members Top Priorities**

The Planning Commission discussed the results of 2009 Community Survey. The Commission Members were asked at the last meeting to interpret the

results and make a list of what they felt the priorities of the Township should be. The following is a list of those priorities:

### Priorities

#### Phil Case

1. Traffic light at M-113 and Garfield
2. Large single family lots – if we allow subdivisions they have to have common spaces.
3. No more trailer parks.
4. Farming is a priority and should be preserved.
5. Local road deterioration

#### Rob Whims

1. More restaurants/commercial
2. Farming/Rural character preservation
3. Low Density – 5+ acre lots

\*He indicated that he also agreed with some of the previously mentioned priorities.

#### Zach Cole

1. Taxes
2. Trash Complaints
3. BATA/Transportation

#### Tim Wicksall

1. Trash
2. Restaurant/Commercial
3. 2 ½ acre+ lots
4. Farming/Open spaces preservation
5. Lower taxes

The 2009 Community Survey will be placed on December's Agenda. At that time the other two Commission Members will report their top priorities. The Commission will then review the full list and come to a consensus on the Township's top priorities to be inserted into the Master Plan.

## 2. Election of Vice Chair

***Moved by Case, seconded by Whims, nominate Zach Cole to be Vice-Chair. CARRIED***

## **I. Reports**

### **1. Trustee Representative**

Mr. Whims reported that the Township Board appointed Zach Cole to the Planning Commission.

### **1. ZBA Representative**

Mr. Wicksall reported that the ZBA will be having a meeting in January to go through some mock cases that Marv will be preparing for them.

### **2. Planning and Zoning**

Mr. Radtke reported that he is preparing some mock cases for training at the January ZBA Meeting. The MSU Extension will be preparing some 10-15 minute training videos for the Planning Commission Meetings. Marv indicated that he has issued seven (7) Land Use Permits in the past three (3) weeks. He has been actively working on the Pathway Plan and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan with Trustee Tim Trudell, Steve Largent, and Adam Umbrasas.

### **3. Chair**

The Chairman has nothing to report.

### **4. General Discussion**

None at this time.

## **J. Agenda for next meeting**

### **Old Business:**

#### **1. Slaughter House Standards**

#### **2. Trail Plan**

#### **3. Master Plan – Survey Results and Section 4**

**K. Adjournment**

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

**CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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

Minutes prepared by:  
Jennifer J. Scout  
Office Administrator/Recorder

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