

**Paradise Township Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, December 3, 2009  
7:00 p.m.  
Paradise Township Hall  
2300 E. M-113, Kingsley, MI 49649**

**MINUTES**

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

**B. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** Tim Wicksall (Chairman), Zach Cole (Vice Chair), Michael Geisert (Commissioner), Rob Lajko (Commissioner), Tony Weber (Commissioner), Robert Whims (Paradise Township Trustee/Board Rep.)

**Members Absent:** Phil Case (Secretary) - excused.

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

**C. Approval of Minutes**

***Moved by Lajko, seconded by Whims, to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2009 Planning Commission meeting with no corrections.  
CARRIED***

**D. Changes/Deletions to Agenda**

There were no changes to the Agenda.

**E. Communications**

There were no communications presented.

**F. Public Input**

Brian Weese indicated that he is interested in purchasing a piece of property within Paradise Township. He would like to put in a private landing field for his personal airplane on a portion of this property that is located in the AG District. He is requesting a Special Use Permit in order to do this.

Mr. Radtke indicated that he will be appealing to Zoning Board of Appeals for an interpretation of the definitions in the Zoning Ordinance. He also indicated that there are currently one or two private landing fields in existence in Paradise Township.

## **G. Old Business**

### **1. Trail Plan**

Mr. Radtke indicated that there will be a joint (Township, Village and Schools) Public Hearing regarding the Trail Plan in January.

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.

### **2. Master Plan – Survey Results & Section 4**

Mr. Radtke circulated a handout pertaining to 2000 Census numbers and general demographics.

The following three members submitted their interpretation of goals according to the survey results:

#### **Tony Weber**

1. Commerce/restaurants/jobs – cut back on restrictions in order to make it easier for people to start a business.
2. Preserve open space.
3. 2 ½ acre lots are sufficient.
4. Improve roads.

#### **Michael Geisert**

1. Rural character is important.
2. More Commercial – Restaurants.
3. Trash/Junk concerns.
4. There is a high value on farming but the residents are not willing to put in money in the form of taxes to help preserve.
5. Favor larger lots but wants to leave AG district alone.
6. More cooperation between Village and Township.

**Rob Laiko**

1. M-113 and Brownson intersection – traffic light.
2. Promote Bobcat Commons.
3. Promote Township Web Site.
4. Work with the County or the State for more signage/alternate routes for trucks to direct them to appropriate roads.
5. Grand Vision – Workshop/Presentation.

Mr. Whims submitted a draft of **Section IV. Goals** for the Commission to discuss. The following addition was made:

Section IV. Goal #2 from the old Master Plan which reads: *“Plan for retention and protection of ground water and such ecological features as the Boardman River Watershed.*

***Moved by Whims, seconded by Wicksall, to adopt proposed goals as a draft: CARRIED 5/1.\****

\*Motion amended at January 7, 2010 meeting:

***Moved by Whims, seconded by Cole, to amend the original motion to include “(see attachment)”.  
Carried 6/0***

**H. New Business**

No new business at this time.

**I. Reports**

**1. Trustee Representative**

Mr. Whims reported that at the last Township Meeting the Board adjusted the budget. The Board also met with the Cemetery Board in an effort resolve some issues regarding Evergreen Cemetery.

**2. 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. There will also be one (1) real case regarding for the Zoning Board to go over regarding landing strips.

### 3. Planning and Zoning

Mr. Radtke reported that Mr. Ross Childs will be at the Township Board Meeting on Wednesday to listen to input and answer questions about the Septage Treatment Facility. Marv indicated that he has issued 31 Land Use

Permits to date. He is preparing some mock cases for training at the January ZBA Meeting. The final draft of the Parks and Recreation Master has been finished. He is currently pursuing some junk complaints. The Public Hearing for Minor Slaughter House Standards will be held in February.

### 4. Chair

The Chairman has nothing to report.

### 5. General Discussion

Mr. Cole indicated that in the near future he would like the Commission to revisit regulations pertaining to regulation of business hours in the Zoning Ordinance.

### J. Agenda for next meeting

#### Old Business:

1. Public Hearing for Slaughter House Standards
2. Master Plan – Section 5

### K. Adjournment

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

**CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 7, 2009-2010 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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