



Paradise Township Newsletter

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Update on Zoning & Planning *By Marvin Radtke, Jr.*

We have had a couple of Public hearings on the draft Zoning Ordinance and Map. The comments were greatly appreciated! Hopefully the interest will remain as we continue to update our Master Plan. Please stop in, drop me an e-mail or snail mail me with comments, questions or concerns about what is happening in your community. It is my job to research implementation ideas so the Board's can review and adopt standards to ensure that the vision of the community as a whole remains for as long as possible while accommodating the above average population growth that we have experienced over the last decade plus. Statistics show 51% of the township occupants have lived in their home less than 5 years. That indicates that people move here for the quality of life and quality of the school here in Paradise Township! With this statistic, there is

even more concern that the "Rural" character is threatened with the current rules and regulations. WE have to come up with some ideas to minimize the impact to our farms and rural character and to provide for the continued growth that still is coming our way and ensure that there is a balance of rights and expectations for existing and future residents. If you are interested in learning what a Master Plan is or what Zoning is and what can be regulated vs. what can not be, let us know and perhaps we could set up a couple of informational open houses so as to allow you to perhaps understand rules and regulations by: "who", "why" and the most controversial "HOW". It is not my job to make Paradise Township look like another community, it is my job to ensure that it looks like Paradise Township, and to ensure that we follow sound planning principles and to stay within the scope of local, State and Federal laws with guidance from Township Attorney, Engineer and whoever else has expertise/experience in municipal law.



TOWNSHIP BOARD WILL HOST A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ZONING ORDINANCE/MAP ON JULY 25, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS FOR 2007-2008

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 7:00 P.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED. SPECIAL MEETINGS (OTHER THAN DATES & TIMES LISTED) ARE POSTED ON THE BOARD 18 HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING, PER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

Township Board Meetings

Special meetings will be the first Wednesday of each month, as needed or posted.

Regular Board meetings are the second Wednesday of each month as follows: April 11, 2007, May 9, 2007, June 13, 2007, July 11, 2007, August 8, 2007, September 12, 2007,

October 10, 2007, November 14, 2007, December 12, 2007, January 9, 2008, February 13, 2008, March 12, 2008

Planning Commission meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month.

Mayfield Pond Park meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month

Zoning Board of Appeals—scheduled as needed

Board of Review

Scheduled every March to appeal evaluations & classifications, scheduled every July for clerical & mutual mistake of fact & scheduled every December for clerical errors & mutual mistake of fact.

BURN PERMIT INFORMATION SPRING '07



Direct Complaints to:
D.E.Q. in Cadillac at
(231) 775-3960

Beginning **April 1, 2007** open burning permits will be issued through the internet or by calling a toll free number. Traditionally permits have been issued from the local DNR Field Offices using current weather information as the deciding factor on when to issue or not permits. That daily decision making process will remain in effect at the local level however to make the issuing process easier across the State the DNR has decided to begin issuing permits via the internet or toll call. Local Law En-

forcement, Fire Departments, or other Enforcement agencies can seek information on whether permits are being issued and to whom by checking with their area Dispatch Centers. All Dispatch Centers are being provided information on how to check on permit status which should make it easier for personnel in the field to find out if permits are being issued and if an individual has actually acquired a permit. **Open burning permits are required by law to burn natural materials whenever the ground is**

not snow covered. Permits are not required whenever the ground has snow cover however again only natural materials may be burned. Permits are issued for grass clippings, leaves, brush, stumps and other natural materials. Man made materials of any kind may not be burned under this permit system. To obtain burning permits:

Web site: WWW.michigan.gov/burnpermit

Toll free: 866-922-2876 or 866-922-BURN

From the desk of the Supervisor

HANDICAPPED TOILETS

Paradise Township has put in two new handicapped toilets for the public. One toilet will be at the Evergreen Cemetery and the other one at Mayfield Pond Park.

COMPACTOR STATION

We are continuing to work on the compactor station. We hope to have it up and running by August. The compactor will be located near the township hall. We thank you for your patience while we continue to work on this.

PUBLIC INPUT

I would like to thank everyone who has attended our meetings at the township hall lately. It is wonderful to get your input and we hope you continue to participate in our meetings.

Don't forget—the public hearing for the zoning ordinance and map will be held on July 25, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

Mayfield Pond Park



Adopt a flower bed at
Mayfield Pond Park

Paradise Township is looking for volunteers who are willing to 'Adopt a Flower Bed'.

There are several flower beds around the pavilion that need weeding, watering, etc. Please contact Cheri for more information.

Are you planning a retirement party, family reunion, birthday, wedding or wedding reception? These are just a few ideas to use our beautiful park. The park pavilion is available for rent at a cost of only \$45 without electricity or \$50 with electricity. Please contact Cheri at the township office for park

pavilion availability at 263-5251.

Mayfield Pond Park received a grant from Rotary Charities in the amount of \$5,090.00 to replace steps on the hiking path and repair the lookout at the park. Thank you to Rotary Charities!

Evergreen Cemetery Information

The Evergreen Cemetery Committee meets twice a year, the second Tuesday of May and the second Tuesday of September.

Next Meeting:

Date: September 11, 2007

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Paradise Township offices on M-113

Artificial flowers are still a problem. All artificial flowers will be removed in October and November of each year. If you wish to keep your artificial flowers, please remove them.

The DO NOT LEAVE RUBBISH signs will be removed; hopefully they have served their purpose. Please continue

to take all rubbish with you.

All planting must be in containers. **No trees or shrubs** planted without permission of the Evergreen Cemetery Board (especially lilacs and spreading plants). Any shrubs or trees that encroach on adjoining gravesites or can be spread may be removed by the Cemetery Board.

Removal and trimming of shrubs and trees. Contact Lloyd Morgan for charges.

Gravesite prices are as follows:

Paradise Township: \$250.00

Adjoining Townships: \$300.00

(Fife Lake, Mayfield, Hanover, East Bay, Greenwood)

All Others: \$400.00

Cremation Prices:

(Excavation, Burial Space, Marker) \$400.00

Cemetery Dues:

The Cemetery Board has voted to discontinue the \$5.00 yearly and \$75.00 one time charge, as of May 1, 2007. Any funds received after that date will be returned.

OFFICERS OF THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY:

Mitch Sedlacek, President 263-7786

Vanita Heim, Secretary/
Treasurer 946-7292

Carl Brown, Sexton 263-7751

Lloyd Morgan, Camp Pugsley
Contact 263-5530

Durwin Mackey, Equipment & Maintenance

Vesta Sedlacek, Trustee

Dorothy Westrate, Trustee

Eileen Reamer, Trustee

Charles Vogue, Trustee

From the desk of the Clerk

The school election went very well and we were pleased with the amount of voters we had. Thank you for a great job to all my election workers.

If you change your address, add or remove a post office box, etc. please contact our offices so that we can make the

appropriate changes in our data base. It takes a lot of time to keep the voter registrations current and your help is needed.

We have a new voting machine to assist with the handicapped, which all voting stations are required to have. This has

been quite useful at the last two elections.

Don't forget to vote! One vote can make a difference.



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

KINGSLEY HERITAGE DAYS WILL BE HELD SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH AND 26TH AT CIVIC CENTER SOUTH. IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT TOM OR CHRIS DURFEE AT 263-7301.



DON'T FORGET—YOUR VOTE COUNTS!



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Looking Towards the Future

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E-mail: Check our web site for individual e-mails of township officials.

We're on the web!

www.paradisetwp.org

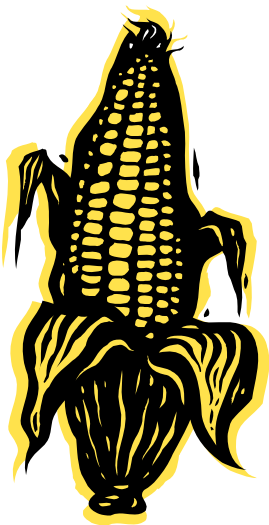
TOWNSHIP GOALS

One of the township's biggest goals is #1 on our goal sheet in our master plan, it states the following:

1) Promote the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of Paradise Township by establishing a sound basis for effective and reasonable zoning regulations.

This is just one of the few. Please come to the township board's public hearing on July 25th at 7:00 p.m. to review the latest map and zoning text changes. The zoning map was posted around the township and village businesses, etc. on June 21st for your review. If you have any questions, please come to the township ball to see our zoning administrator/planner, Marvin Radtke, Jr. or call us at 231-263-5251.

We have a web site—find us at www.paradisetwp.org



STAY INFORMED ON
WHAT'S GOING ON
IN YOUR TOWNSHIP

Paradise Township has a web site. The site is **www.paradisetwp.org**

This web site is kept as up to date as possible with meetings, agendas, zoning and planning maps, ordinances and all township applications.

We are always looking for new ideas. If you would like to see something on the web site, please call us, your input is always appreciated!

If you are unable to locate a form or don't have the internet, please call or come into the office and we will be happy to assist you.