

Paradise Township

From the Department of Zoning/Planning By Marvin D. Radtke, Jr.

NEWSLETTER DATE:
WINTER 2007

The Calendar tells us that “Summer” is over and that “Other” season is upon us. The Township has held a half dozen or so “Public Hearings” with respect to the proposed Zoning Ordinance. We have heard a lot of comments and concerns!!! This is a GREAT. A WORD of CAUTION: Please do not believe everything you may have heard about what this Zoning Ordinance is or is not or what it will or will not do. STOP in at the office and ask your questions and review the answers yourself. If you cannot stop in during business hours, call me and I can meet with you after business hours, which is my job. It has been stated “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it” however I am of the notion that there should be some “Preventative Maintenance” done so it don’t break and fall apart in the eyes of the judicial system. It has

been stated that this Zoning Ordinance is Marvin D. Radtke Jr. Zoning Ordinance...and it is identical to one of the other communities that I was involved with. IT IS NOT! The format is however like 90% of the Townships in the State of Michigan, which has been tested in the courts and has withstood the scrutiny of their review. Why reinvent the wheel!! The meat and potatoes of the draft Ordinance incorporate the existing “Intent and Uses.” The Ordinance has substantially more “Definitions” and Site Development Standards for non-residential uses which were a major concern with the proposed Ethanol Plant that was looking to call Paradise Twp. Home. I have been politely and sometimes not so politely why I want Paradise Township to look like Blair Twp. Or other communities?

The answer to this question is I DON’T. I want this community to look like what the Residents of Paradise Township want! My job is to gather the lawful methods and techniques that will meet the desires and wishes of the Planning Commission and Township Board and to put them in a format that complies with those desires and wishes and still withstand the scrutiny of the courts so as not to be bullied by developers. My position is that of a resource and recommendation, only the Township Board has the authority to make rules, my job is also to enforce what they have adopted. Please join us at the Planning Commission and Township Board meetings and watch your elected leaders and their appointed boards in action. Your input is always welcomed. I do hope you enjoy your winter and please be safe.

TOWNSHIP BOARD & STAFF

- Marie Dean, Supervisor
- Judith Smith, Clerk
- Jessi Sedlacek, Treasurer
- Robert Whims, Trustee
- Mitch Sedlacek, Trustee
- Marvin Radtke, Jr., Zoning Admin./Planner
- Dawn Plude, Assessor
- Cheri Tuller, Office Admin.

Election Changes by Judith E. Smith, Clerk

The Michigan Courts have ruled that Senior Citizens will not have an absentee ballot application automatically sent to them anymore. Therefore, you will need to call or stop by to pick up an application.

Have you recently changed your address? Please contact our office so that we can update our formation.

VOTERS WILL NEED PICTURE ID TO VOTE—THIS IS A NEW LAW. PLEASE READ THE INSIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



We're on the web! Our website is www.paradisetwp.org

Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections

NOTICE TO VOTERS: New Voter Identification Requirement in Effect. Due to a recent court ruling, every Michigan voter who offers to vote in the polls must comply with the requirement to show picture identification or sign an affidavit attesting that he or she is not in possession of picture identification.

VOTERS WITH PICTURE IDENTIFICATION: Voters can satisfy the picture identification requirement by showing a Michigan driver's license or a Michigan personal identification card. Voters who do not possess either document

may show any of the following forms of picture identification as long as they are current: 1) Driver's license or personal identification card issued by another state 2) Federal or state government-issued photo identification 3) U.S. passport 4) Military identification card with photo 5) Student identification with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education 6) Tribal identification card with photo.

VOTERS WITHOUT PICTURE IDENTIFICATION: Michigan election law anticipates that not all voters will have picture identification.

Voters who do not bring picture identification to the polls or do not possess picture identification can vote like any other voter by signing an affidavit. Questions regarding the picture identification requirement can be directed to your local city or township clerk's office.



Please read about new voting requirements.



*The Kingsley Post
Office will be hosting
E-Bay Classes at the
township hall on
Tuesday, November
27, 2007 from 10 a.m.
–Noon and 2-4 p.m.
All are invited. We
hope to see you here.*

Township Board January 2008 Meeting Rescheduled

The Paradise Township Board will hold their Regular meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held the first week in January due to the township board attending the annual MTA Conference in Detroit the week of January 7-11, 2008.

Important Meeting Information

The Township Board and the Planning Commissioners would like to thank everyone who has been attending our meetings during the past several months. While zoning and planning can be difficult issues, we are asking for your continued support as we look towards the future of our township with a zoning ordinance and master plan that will encourage smart growth to our area. Everyone is invited

to attend the meetings.

Township Board Meetings:

Special/Work Meetings will be the *first Wednesday* of every month.

Regular Board Meetings are the *second Wednesday* of every month.

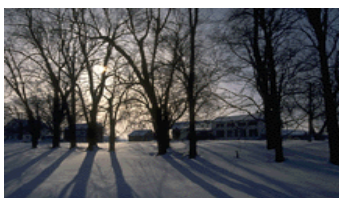
Planning Commission Meetings are held the *first Thursday* of every month.

Zoning Board of Appeals are scheduled as needed.

Board of Review is scheduled every March to appeal evaluations & classifications, every July for clerical errors & mutual mistake of fact and every December for clerical errors & mutual mistake of fact. Call for appointments or dates.

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 7:00 P.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED.

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.



We hope you have a safe and happy holiday season!

Kingsley Branch Library News

December: Readers Digress meets December 5, 2007. There is no book for December. Book group will meet and share favorite family traditions and as always share lots of fun and friendship. Holiday Open House will be December 6, 2007, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please join us for entertainment, crafting, food and fun. Kingsley Friends of the Library will meet December 15, 2007, 8:30 a.m., Kingsley Elementary School. Kingsley Branch Library will be closed Tuesday, December 25, in observation of the Christmas holiday.

January: Happy New Year! The twelve months to go "countdown" before we move to the new library begins!!!! Kingsley Branch Library will be closed Tuesday, January 1, in observation of the New Year holiday. Readers Digress meets January 9, 2008. Reading "East of the Mountains" by David Guterson. Kingsley Friends of the Library will meet January 19, 2008, 8:30 a.m., Kingsley Elementary School. Mark your calendars

for the 5th Annual Book Sale, February 22 & 23, 2008.

Thank you,
Mary, KBL



Open House
December 6, 2007
1:00-6:00 p.m.



From the desk of Evelynne Marie Dean, Supervisor

COMPACTOR STATION
Paradise Township is working with Union Township and Grand Traverse County on the compactor station. We hope to finalize the plans and build the station in 2008. Your continued patience is appreciated.

EVERGREEN CEMETERY
The next meeting for the Ever-

green Cemetery committee will be May 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the township hall. The mapping of the cemetery has been completed. A copy of the mapping is available for viewing at the township office, along with a listing of plot numbers, owner's name and gravesite information. Thank you to everyone who worked on the mapping!

OFFICERS OF THE EVERGREEN CEMETERY:

Mitch Sedlacek, Pres., Vanita Heim, Sec./Treas., Carl Brown, Sexton, Lloyd Morgan, Durwin Mackey, Vesta Sedlacek, Dorothy Westrate, Eileen Reamer, Charles Vogue & Marie Dean

Camp Pugsley will no longer be available for cemetery mowing or leaf removal. The Cemetery Association is looking for someone interested in taking over the care of the cemetery. Mowing to be done every two weeks. Raking and removal of leaves as necessary. Please contact Carl Brown (263-7751), Lloyd Morgan (263-5530) or Durwin Mackey (263-5638).

Mayfield Pond Park

There has been several acts of vandalism at the park during the last few months. We ask that any citizen who sees suspicious activity to please report it to the police and then contact our office. The township worked hard to obtain a grant by Rotary Charities. A lot of work has been done to maintain and extend the hiking trail. Please don't jeopardize

the hard work that the crews have done to improve our park by vandalism.

PAVILION RENTAL:

The pavilion is available to rent for your receptions, graduation parties, etc. The fee is \$45 without electricity and \$50 with. The park officially opens June 1st and closes October 1st. If you are interested in renting the pavilion, please contact Cheri Tuller for reservations.



Special thanks to the Kingsley Volunteer Club for helping us rake and clean the park this Spring.

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Future*

