

**Paradise Township
Zoning Board of Appeals**

**Thursday, January 14, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Paradise Township Hall
2300 E. M-113, Kingsley, MI 49649**

MINUTES

A. Meeting called to order by Chairman Max Lown at 7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Max Lown (Chairman), Eleanora Strange (Vice Chair), Tim Wicksall (Secretary), Kurt Douglas.

Members Absent: Renee Case (Alternate) (excused absence), Dick Moore (absent).

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Declaration of "Conflict of Interest": None

E. Approval of Minutes

Strange/Wicksall: motion to approve minutes of July 16, 2009, Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting as presented: CARRIED 4/0.

F. Correspondence

Mr. Radtke reported that there will be a County Training for Planning/Zoning professionals, committees and elected officials. It is scheduled for March 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. He will send out the information once the details have been finalized. The Township Board has agreed to pay the fees for this training. Committee members will receive meeting pay and mileage reimbursement. He strongly recommends that the ZBA attend this training.

G. New Business

1. Use Determination for Personal Aircraft: Mr. Radtke submitted a memo to the ZBA requesting a use determination on personal aircraft. Mr. Brian Weese of 1333 E. River Rd. is considering the purchase of a piece of vacant

property. He wishes to build a home and use part of the property for a private air strip for a Light Sport Class Personal Aircraft. Tony Weber, property owner directly east and south of the property in question, was present to express his concerns. He has cattle that he pastures and his concerned about the adverse effects on his cattle of having an airstrip in the neighborhood. Mr. Weber indicated that he is not expressly against the airstrip, he just has some concerns. He expressed a willingness to work with Mr. Weese. The ZBA asked Mr. Weese various questions regarding the type of aircraft he plans to have on the airstrip (dimensions, weight, flight restrictions, etc.).

Wicksall/Lown: motion to classify "personal aircraft" as an accessory use up to a Light Sport Classification: Strange no, Wicksall yes, Douglass yes, Lown yes: CARRIED 3/1.

The ZBA has requested that Mr. Wicksall, Planning Commission liaison, address the issue of personal aircraft/landing strips in the Zoning Ordinance with the Planning Commission, determine allowable districts and compose site development standards.

H. Other Business:

- 1. ZBA Bylaws:** Mr. Radtke handed out a draft of the Zoning Board of Appeals Bylaws. The ZBA went through the bylaws and made some changes (please see attached).

Lown/Wicksall: motion to accept the Zoning Board of Appeals Bylaws as amended: CARRIED 4/0.

Wicksall/Strange: motion to add "or two (2) unexcused absences" to Section 4.B. after "nonfeasance": CARRIED 4/0.

- 2. Next Meeting:** Chairman Lown indicated that there will be another ZBA Meeting on February 11, 2010 to approve of the January meeting minutes and to go over the ZBA Handbook.

- 3. Election of Officers: Lown/Wicksall: motion to maintain officers as is: CARRIED 4/0**

Strange/_____ : motion to amend the motion and nominate Mr. Douglass as Vice Chair. CARRIED 4/0

**Lown/Wicksall: motion to appoint the following: Chair - Max Lown, Vice
Chair - Kurt Douglass, Secretary - Tim Wicksall. CARRIED 4/0**

I. Public Comment: None

J. Adjournment: Strange/Wicksall: motion to adjourn CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 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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