

**Minutes, Paw Paw Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting September 26, 2007**

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| 1. The Planning Commission meeting held Thursday, September 26, 2007 at 111 E. Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, Michigan, convened at 7:11 p.m. Chairperson Kathleen Larson presiding.  | <b>Meeting Convened</b>                                    |
| 2. Present: Larson, Rumsey, Larcinese, (late 7:25) Thomas, (late 7:11) and Roger. Excused Greensley, Bogen and Lisa Wininger Village Planning. Also present: Christopher Tapper, Village Clerk and Village Manager Larry Nielsen.  | <b>Members Present</b>                                     |
| 3. Motion by Rumsey, supported by Thomas, to approve the agenda. All members present voting yes. The motion approved.  | <b>Approval of Agenda</b>                                  |
| 4. Motion by Thomas, supported by Roger, to approve the corrected minutes of the meeting of August 30, 2007. All members present voting yes. The motion approved.  | <b>Approval of the Minutes</b>                             |
| 5. Nielsen reported the draft on portable home storage units was at Village Attorney Page's offices. Attorney Page was also going to research information regarding civil infractions. A draft will be available for next Planning Commission meeting October 24, 2007.  | <b>Ongoing Business<br/>Portable Home Storage Units</b>    |
| 6. Nielsen reported his findings regarding carports as accessory buildings. The Planning Commission had recommended an ordinance to regulate and/or ban certain types of carports within the Village. Nielsen's recommendation was that carports already are in enforced through the Village of Paw Paw's Zoning Ordinance.                                      | <b>Carports</b>  |
| 7. It was the consensus of the Commission to allow Nielsen to report his findings to the Village Council and to have the Council approve the recommendation.   |  |
| 8. Nielsen updated the Commission regarding information still at Attorney Page's office. Nielsen stated he would update Commission members when more information was available. A resolution would be forth coming.  | <b>Dumpster enclosures<br/>Warner Winery</b>               |
| 9. Nielsen updated the Commission regarding Strength Beyond's parking lot. Nielsen reported he spoke with Aaron Diprima and Diprima was informed he needed site plan approval to complete the project.   | <b>Strength Beyond<br/>Parking Lot</b>                     |
| 10. Nielsen asked the Commission to consider several different approaches regarding Chicago Title sign and fence. The Commission's consensus was to allow Nielsen to propose a common ground with Chicago Title and Harold Schuitmaker.  | <b>Chicago Title</b>                                       |
| 11. Information gathered from Robert Harvey regarding the Water Shed grant was presented. Nielsen updated the Commission that the goal of the grant was to improve the existing water shed protection and did not tie into the updating of the Village's Master Plan. Nielsen recommend to the Commission to budget for next fiscal year's master planning work. | <b>Environmental Planning</b>                              |
| 12. Motion by Thomas, supported by Rumsey, to request the Village Council to budget \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the Village of Paw Paw Master Plan update. All members present voting yes. The motion approved.   | <b>Master Plan Budgeting<br/>for fiscal year 2008/2009</b> |
| 13. Nielsen updated the Commission that he had three engineering firms reviewing regulations.  | <b>Stormwater detention<br/>review</b>                     |
| 14. Larson commented on the newspaper article regarding Paw Paw Township setting new fees for several permits and applications and questioned whether the Village's fees need to be reviewed. Larson asked Nielsen for an update on Wal-Mart. Nielsen responded there was no new news.   | <b>Commission Comments<br/>Larson</b>                      |

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- 15.* Nielsen asked Commission members to advise him regarding fences. What sides of the fence faces what way? Commission advises it would be a good neighbor solution. The next question would be: where does the fence lie? Commission advised historically fences were allowed on the property line. Nielsen also asked Commission for language interruption of Article 15 section 10. **Village Manager**
- 16.* Motion by Thomas, supported by Rumsey, to adjourn meeting. Time 8:24 p.m. **Adjournment**  
All members present voting yes, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted:  
Christopher Tapper  
Village Clerk