

**Minutes, Paw Paw Planning Commission
Regular Meeting, October 2, 2008**

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| 1. The Planning Commission meeting of Thursday, October 2, 2008 convened at 7:05 p.m. at 114 N. Gremps Street, Paw Paw, Michigan. Chairperson Kathy Larson presiding. | Meeting Convened |
| 2. Present: Larson, Rumsey, Greensly, Roger and Thomas. Excused Larcinese and Bogen. Also present: Village Planning Consultant, Rebecca Harvey and Village Clerk, Christopher Tapper | Members Present |
| 3. Motion by Thomas, supported by Rumsey, to approve the agenda. All members present voting yes. The motion is approved. | Approval of Agenda |
| 4. Motion by Rumsey, supported by Greensly, to approve the corrective correction 11-6-08 corrected minutes of the regular meeting of August 28, 2008. All members present voting yes. The motion is approved. | Approval Minutes |
| 5. General discussion regarding memo correction 11-6-08. The commission discussed a letter from the Village Manager regarding Public Buildings built on Village Property. Comments included: the Village Council has final approval with all projects, why would Planning Commission need an opinion? Correction 11-6-08. The discussion centered on the pros & cons of site plan review in and the general benefits of continued communication between groups. | Memo from Village Manager regarding Public Building |
| 6. Motion by Rumsey, supported by Roger to continue the policy schools and governmental building projects, land use and site plan process with the Village of Paw Paw's practices and producers according to state standers. All members present voting yes. The motion is approved. Correction 11-6-08. Motion by Rumsey, supported by Roger to recommend the Village Council continue the practices of subjecting Village owned properties to site plan review process and consistently applying the approach similar to, schools, Counties and Federal buildings in order to demonstrate a commitment to the Village Zoning Ordinance standards. All members present voting yes. The motion is approved. | Public Building on Village Property |
| 7. General discussion regarding correction 11-6-08. A general discussion ensued regarding the topic of renewable energy and the use of Wind Energy. Comments included: different types of systems, different requirements for installation, what types of set backs and height restrictions would the Village enforce, what type of noise restrictions and would the Village want to develop a program to help residents construct. Correction 11-6-08. Questions included: what are the different type of systems, how they are installed, what type of setbacks and height restriction are other municipalities enforcing. | Wind Energy |
| 8. Harvey commented she was working on a project similar to this correction 11-6-08. the topic and would provide more information to Commission members at next meeting. | |
| 9. General discussion regarding Correction 11-6-08. The Commission discussed | Memo regarding |

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the memo from Village Manager pertaining to Outdoor and Open Burning. ~~The question has been posed by several residents in the Village “what is the definition of open flame”.~~ Correction 11-6-08. Several Village residents have asked the question, “What is the definition of an open flame?” Provided to Commission members was a list of several pictures of outdoor fire places, pits and pots.

**Outdoor Fire-wood
burning**

~~10. The consensus of the Commission was the content of the open burning was the key concern and should be address in the Village of Paw Paw Ordinances along with applicability and definitions.~~ Correction 11-6-08. The consensus of the Commission was that the major concern is the open burning fire and that is covered under ordinance.

11. ~~General discussion~~ Correction 11-6-08. A general discussion ensued regarding the Master Plan process. Larson commented on past meetings. Larson questioned if the Village was advertising enough to the residents. Harvey provided information regarding State of Michigan Planning Act and how the new regulations tie into a Master Plan Development. Harvey explained how planning and zoning are one of the keys to a successful Master Plan. Harvey ~~to~~ correction 11-6-08 will follow up with Steve VanSteenhyse, from LSL Planning regarding questions and comments Commission members had.

Master Plan Review

12. Motion by Thomas, supported by Rumsey to adjourn the meeting. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted:
Christopher Tapper, Village Clerk