



Van Buren County Planning Commission
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Minutes
August 24, 2022
6:30 PM

1. Call to Order & Attendance – 6:30 pm

Present: Pam Stermer, Scott Cedarquist, Tony Hemenway, Barbara Rose, Jan Petersen,
Celinda Gilmore, Ray Martin, Tom Motycka, Will Pugsley, Kurt Doroh, Cari Elmore

Absent: none

2. Approval of Agenda

- **Motion:** On a Cedarquist/Martin motion to approve – unanimous

3. Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2022

- **Motion:** On a Doroh/Rose motion to approve – unanimous
Abstain – Cedarquist

4. Public Comment

- None

5. Reports

a. County Commissioner

- Commissioner Kurt Doroh reported on
 - Broadband
 - ARPA
 - County Administrator position
 - FY 22-23 County Budget
 - Palisades

b. Southwestern Michigan Commission Representative (Only if meeting scheduled)

- Jan Petersen reported on
 - Broadband
 - Support for 3 state regional passenger railway

c. Local visits

- Jan Petersen – Lawrence Township
- Tom Motycka – Decatur Township
- Kurt Doroh – Market Van Buren

6. Unfinished Business

- None

7. New Business

a. Paw Paw Township – Zoning Ordinance Amendment: Marihuana

- Discussion included:
 - There aren't currently any fully operational outdoor grows in Paw Paw.
 - Cedarquist notes that this is highly unusual to backtrack on the original package.
- **Motion:** On a Cedarquist/Rose motion to concur – unanimous

b. Antwerp Township – Light Industrial Zoning District Amendment

- Discussion included:
 - Zoning was too restrictive, they revised it from ½ acre to 1 acre.
- **Motion:** On a Martin/Cedarquist motion to concur – unanimous

8. Adjournment – 7:20 pm

- **Motion:** On a Doroh/Martin motion to adjourn - unanimous

Next meeting: September 28, 2022, at 6:30 PM

Minutes by: Cari Elmore, Staff Secretary



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August 25, 2022

Rebecca Payne, Clerk
Paw Paw Township
413 Elm Street
Paw Paw, MI 49079

Re: Paw Paw Township – Zoning Ordinance Amendment: Marihuana

Dear Ms. Payne:

On August 24, 2022, the Van Buren County Planning Commission (VBCPC) reviewed the Paw Paw Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment: Marihuana.

On a Cedarquist/Rose motion to concur – unanimous vote

Discussion focused on:

- There aren't currently any fully operational outdoor grows in Paw Paw.
- It is highly unusual to backtrack on the original package.

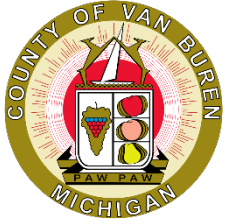
Please note, the former VBC Planning Commission Secretary, Ted Thar, has retired. I am currently filling the position of secretary and all correspondence should be directed to me. Thank you and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Cari Elmore
Secretary
VBC Planning Commission

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Chantel Reyna, Clerk
Antwerp Township
24821 Front Avenue
Mattawan, MI 49071

Re: Antwerp Township – Light Industrial Zoning District Amendments

Dear Mr. Jirousek:

On August 24, 2022, the Van Buren County Planning Commission (VBCPC) reviewed the Antwerp Township Light Industrial Zoning District Amendments.

On a Martin/Cedarquist motion to concur – unanimous vote

Discussion focused on:

- Zoning was too restrictive, they revised it from ½ acre to 1 acre.

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