



Van Buren County Planning Commission
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Minutes
October 26, 2022
6:30 PM

1. Call to Order & Attendance

Present: Jan Petersen, Barbara Rose, Celinda Gilmore, Pam Stermer, Scott Cedarquist, Tom Motycka, Tony Hemenway, William Pugsley, Cari Elmore

Absent: Ray Martin, Kurt Doroh

2. Approval of Agenda

- Pam Stermer requested to add an item to the agenda to discuss the November meeting date.
- **Motion:** Jan Petersen made a motion to approve the amended agenda; Supported by Barbara Rose. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2022

- Correction to the minutes, 5c Local Visits, Will Motycka attended the Arlington Township meeting, not Scott Cedarquist.
- **Motion:** Will Pugsley made a motion to approve the amended minutes; Supported by Scott Cedarquist. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment

- None

5. Reports

- a. County Commissioner – Not present
- b. Southwestern Michigan Commission Representative
 - Jan Petersen reported that the discussion centered around launching their new website.
- c. Local visits
 - Tom Motycka attended the Hamilton Solar Hearing.
 - Barbara Rose attended the Covert Planning Meeting.

6. Unfinished Business

- None

7. New Business

- a. Paw Paw Township – Jon Moyle, M4, LLC, 58000 40th Street: Zoning Map Amendment
 - **Discussion:** They are wanting to see evidence of a railroad easement. The property will be turning to heavy commercial. The railroad extension will go past this property to Coca Cola.
 - **Motion:** Tom Motycka made the motion to concur; Supported by Celinda Gilmore. Motion: Carried.

- b. Antwerp Township – Zoning Ordinance Amendment
 - **Discussion:** It is difficult to see what the change is. It appears that they are addressing the attachment of the existing building to a new structure and the types of building material used. We would like to commend them for keeping a building standard for their downtown buildings.
 - **Motion:** Scott Cedarquist made the motion to concur; Supported by Barbara Rose. Motion: Carried.

- c. Commission Applicants – Heath Wall and Alyssa Hosbein
 - **Discussion:** The Commission reviewed the Michigan Legislature for Planning Commissions and both applications. The Commission will ask both applicants to come to the next meeting for an interview. The vote for a candidate will be held at the December meeting if there are items to discuss, if not, move the vote to January.

8. Meeting Dates

- **Discussion:** The November meeting is currently scheduled for the day before Thanksgiving, 11/23/2022. The suggestion was made to move it to one week later to 11/30/2022. This will allow more time for items to come in and allow the county time to come up with staff support.
- **Motion:** Scott Cedarquist made the motion to change the November meeting date from 11/23/2022 to 11/30/2022 at 6:30 PM; Supported by Tom Motycka. Motion: Carried.

- **Discussion:** The December meeting is currently scheduled for 12/28/2022, suggestions to move it to 12/21/2022.
- **Motion:** Scott Cedarquist made the motion to change the December meeting date to 12/21/2022; Support by Jan Petersen. Motion Carried.

9. Other

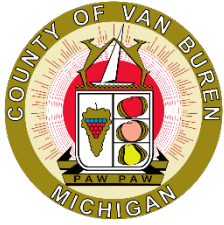
- Cari Elmore has submitted her resignation to the county and will no longer be available as Secretary. Requests have been made to County Administration for a new appointment for staff Secretary.

10. Adjournment

- **Motion:** Jan Petersen made a motion to adjourn; Supported by Barbara Rose. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Next meeting: November 30, 2022, at 6:30 PM

Minutes by: Cari Elmore



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October 27, 2022

Via Email: clerk@pawpawtownship.org

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

Re: Paw Paw Township – Jon Moyle, M4, LLC, 58000 40th Street: Zoning Map Amendment

Dear Ms. Payne:

On October 26, 2022, the Van Buren County Planning Commission (VBCPC) reviewed the Paw Paw Township Zoning Map Amendment for Jon Moyle, M4, LLC, 58000 40th Street.

- **Discussion:** They are wanting to see evidence of a railroad easement. The property will be turning to heavy commercial. The railroad extension will go past this property to Coca Cola.
- **Motion:** Tom Motyka made the motion to concur; Supported by Celinda Gilmore.
Motion: Carried.

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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Via Email: creyna@antwerptownship.com

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

Re: Antwerp Township – Building Form and Design Zoning District Amendments

Dear Ms. Reyna:

On October 26, 2022, the Van Buren County Planning Commission (VBCPC) reviewed the Antwerp Township building form and design zoning district amendments.

- **Discussion:** It is difficult to see what the change is. It appears that they are addressing the attachment of the existing building to a new structure and the types of building material used. We would like to commend them for keeping a building standard for their downtown buildings.
- **Motion:** Scott Cedarquist made the motion to concur; Supported by Barbara Rose.
Motion: Carried.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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