Chairman Peat called the Paw Paw Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on January 26, 2017 at the Township Hall.

PRESENT: Randall Peat, Ivan Olsen, Phillip Arbanas, James Tapper, Bill Johnson, Kip Kerby, and Fran Sanders.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Marilyn Murphy (resident), Don Stull (Township Supervisor), Roxanne Seeber (Township Attorney), Seth Koches (Township Attorney), and Kelly Largent (Zoning Administrator).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Arbanas, supported by Olsen to approve the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 29, 2016: Motion by Kerby, supported by Arbanas to approve the September 29, 2016 minutes as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman. The Chairman stated that Vice Chairman Olsen has asked to not be nominated for any position due to health issues. Chairman Peat stated he had no objection to remaining as the Chairman of the Planning Commission. Kerby stated he would be willing to be the Vice Chairman.

Motion by Tapper, supported by Olsen to nominate and elect Randall Peat as Planning Commission Chairman and Kip Kerby as Planning Commission Vice Chairman. The motion was unanimously approved.
**Wedding venue in Commercial Zoning Districts:** Don Stull, Township Supervisor, has had several inquiries about this type of business. Presently, this use is not permitted in the commercial districts. Township attorney, Roxanne Seeber, addressed the Board regarding the State of Michigan Building Code and the change of use.

Ms. Largent also addressed the Board regarding adding this to the language for wineries as an accessory use similar to the tasting rooms.

The Board had discussions about adding this use. The Board agreed that they were in favor of adding this use as a Special Use but would prefer a different descriptive title for the use.

Ms. Seeber recommended Commercial Special Occasion Venue and stated she would work with Ms. Largent to come up with other choices. The Board tasked Ms. Largent with preparing language for this new special use to be presented at the next meeting.

**HCI Zoning District:** Ms. Largent addressed the Board regarding the referenced standard in this section and the difficulty businesses were having with locating in this zoning district. The standard used for determining permitted uses is from 1997.

The Board tasked Ms. Largent with sending a copy of the current standards to the members and to bring recommendations for changing the current zoning ordinance to the next meeting.

**Zoning Ordinance Review:** The Chairman thanked the Township Supervisor and Township Board for bringing in Rebecca Harvey again.

Mr. Stull stated that the Township has hired Ms. Harvey and she will need to be scheduled for the kick off presentation. Ms. Largent spoke with Ms. Harvey about attending the February meeting. Ms. Harvey is available however she will need 1 – 2 hours for the presentation. The Board agreed to scheduling Ms. Harvey for the February 23 meeting with an allotted time of 1 – 2 hours. Ms. Largent will notify Ms. Harvey.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Wind/Solar Text Amendment:** Ms. Largent addressed the Board with a history of where this amendment was at in the process. Ms. Seeber addressed the Board and briefly summarized the content. The Board asked Ms. Largent to forward this to Ms. Harvey to be included with her review.

Ms. Seeber also stated that although the amendment was identified as Wind/Solar it contained text amendments for conditional rezoning and amending infractions from a misdemeanor to a municipal civil infraction. Ms. Seeber explained that conditional rezoning could occur at the present time, however, there was no language to guide the Township or provide a process for
conditional rezoning. The Board asked Ms. Largent to forward this to Ms. Harvey to be included with her review.

The Board also asked Ms. Largent to forward the language for the municipal civil infraction to Ms. Harvey to be included with her review.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Johnson asked about the previous amendments to the zoning ordinance on Municode. Ms. Seeber addressed the Board on how to find the updates and that they would be compiled into the zoning ordinance by Municode. Johnson asked if we could get a cost to update this to the present.

The Chairman recommends annual updates to the zoning ordinance and asked if Ms. Harvey could provide a cost for a new book. The Township Supervisor stated he will get estimates from Municode.

Medical Marijuana: The Chairman stated that the Planning Commission and Township Supervisor had attended seminars and were brought up to date on the law for Medical Marijuana Facilities. He stated that it is too early for the Township to take a position and they were waiting on The State of Michigan to get the regulations in place. Mr. Stull stated he had contacted Brad Hunt and there is uncertainty in how to proceed. The Township would need an ordinance to opt in and until the regulations are in place the Township is not taking a position.

Marilyn Murphy of 36343 CR 358 stated she is very interested in a commercial grow operation and a provisioning center. She also stated that she understood that Waverly Township would be opting in. Mr. Stull stated he had talked to Bob Reits, Waverly Township Supervisor, and Mr. Reits was not sure on this issue.

Planning Commission: Mr. Stull wanted to thank the Planning Commission members for their service. He stated he will not be coming to every meeting. Anything that comes in that he feels the Planning Commission should be informed about will go to Ms. Largent to disseminate.

The next meeting will be February 23, 2017.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Kerby, supported by Peat to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Largent
Zoning Administrator