Chairman Peat called the Paw Paw Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on August 23, 2018 at the Township Hall.

PRESENT: Randall Peat, Ivan Olsen, Phillip Arbanas, Fran Sanders, and Bill Johnson.

ABSENT: James Tapper and Kip Kerby.

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Ely, Dave Crouse, and Kelly Largent (Zoning Administrator).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 26, 2018: Motion by Arbanas, supported by Olsen to approve the July 26, 2018 minutes as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dave Crouse stated that their request for the Special Use Permit had been approved by the Township Board and thanked the Planning Commission for creating the mechanism to allow this use and for working with his family.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rebecca Harvey is not here tonight for the Zoning Ordinance review. This item has been tabled until next month when she can be present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Paw Paw Gateway Community: moved to next month.

Wind/Solar Amendment:

Wind: The Chairman stated that on his trip up north he had the opportunity to drive through 2 wind farms. He stated it is his personal opinion that the human eye keys on movement, a commercial wind operation should not be allowed, and a residential system should be a special use permit.
Olsen stated that there is a current location off Lake Michigan where there is good wind and he believes commercial wind operations should locate there. Sanders stated that she agrees with the Chairman.

The Chairman stated he recommends this item be carried forward to next month.

Solar: The Chairman stated that this is a little different from Wind in that it is a passive system. He stated he believes a commercial solar operation should be allowed as a special use permit and he has no issues with a residential solar system. He stated this item will be carried forward to next month.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Next meeting is Sep 27th.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Sanders, supported by Olsen to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Largent
Zoning Administrator