Chairman Kerby called the Paw Paw Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on January 20, 2020 at the Township Hall.

PRESENT: Kip Kerby, Fran Sanders, Phillip Arbanas, Tom Palenick, Ivan Olsen, and Chad Learned.

ABSENT: James Tapper.

ALSO PRESENT: Kelly Largent (Zoning Administrator).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing: Text Amendment Section 5.12(C)(4).

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:02 P.M. by the Chairman.

The Chairman read the proposed text amendment for the deletion of subsections a and b in section 5.12(C)(4).

Ms. Largent was asked to address the Planning Commission about the proposed text amendment. Ms. Largent explained that when the previous zoning ordinance was amended to add Medical Marihuana Facilities to the HCI zoning district the Planning Commission decided to not have a minimum lot size and an operator couldn’t reside on site since the zoning district did not allow residences. Ordinance #260 was the amending ordinance, a copy of which was distributed to the members.

There was no public present for public comments. The Chairman closed the public hearing at 6:05 PM.

The Planning Commission members discussed the proposed text amendment. Learned commented he believes the Planning Commission should recommend approval to the Township
Board. Sanders stated she receives emails from LARA regarding medical marihuana and she has noticed there are a lot of recalls and labeling errors. Palenick asked about secure transporters. Ms. Largent explained that the Peters Dr. facility was originally going to be a secure transport facility. However, the owners decided to change to a grower operation after a feasibility analysis showed a 1-year operation time frame before a profit was realized. Olsen noted that the product from the grower facility is probably going east and maybe to the Chicago area and this will have an affect on the grower facilities in the West Michigan area. Motion by Olsen, supported by Learned to recommend approval to the Township Board of the text amendment deleting subsections a and b under section 5.12(C)(4). The motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINES: None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Next meeting is on Jan 23.

ADDITIONAL COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Learned supported by Olsen to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Largent
Zoning Administrator