Chairman Peat called the Paw Paw Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on August 27, 2015 at the Township Hall.

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

ABSENT: Don Stull.

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Peat, Catherine Kaufman (Township Attorney), Bert Gale (Zoning Administrator), and Kelly Largent (Zoning Administrator)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 23, 2015: Motion by Kerby, supported by Johnson to approve the July 23, 2015. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Text amendment to add Mirco-brewery, Winery, and Distillery to zoning districts: AGR- Agricultural (farmland protection), ARR- Agricultural – Rural Residential, CC- Convenience Commercial, GC- General Commercial, and HSC- Highway Service Commercial. Mr. Dan Peat introduced himself and presented his concept of a cidery located at Randall Peat Farms. Mr. Peat has a deadline in the near future in order to obtain his winery license with the State of Michigan. The first step in this process is to obtain approval from the local jurisdiction. Ms. Largent stated that Mr. Peat has stated to her he had a deadline of the end of October or beginning of November.
The zoning amendment was presented and discussed by the Township attorney, Catherine Kaufman. Truck traffic on the local roads was discussed. This concern would be under the county road commission’s jurisdiction.

Motion by Olsen, supported by Kerby to recommend the Township Board approve the text amendment as noted after the public hearing in September. The motion was unanimously approved.

2) In reviewing the requirements for the site plan application, the Chairman noted the following items: Architect/engineer signature should be optional, add alternate language to first paragraph on the last page, reword the last statement in item (g) on page 2, and paragraph 2(d) on page 2 should be changed to zoning administrator only. Other comments were to add major change and minor change for administrative review. Add major and minor site plan amendment language. Mr. Gale stated that he will bring another revision with these added items to the next meeting for the Board to review.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

September 28 the State of Michigan Govern will announce a new initiative which will divide the state into 10 regions. Each region will have a community selected to be studied the results of the study will be available to developers on a national level. Paw Paw Township is in region 8 and the Village of Paw Paw was selected for this region.

September is the first deadline for Ms. Harvey and the Master Plan update.

The next meeting will be September 24, 2015 at 6 PM.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Kerby, supported by Arbanas to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Largent
Zoning Administrator