Chairman Peat called the Paw Paw Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on January 28, 2016 at the Township Hall.

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Rebecca Harvey (Planning Consultant), Ryan Glass (Contractor), Craig McDonald (Owner), Bert Gale (Zoning Administrator), and Kelly Largent (Zoning Administrator).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 15, 2015: Motion by Kerby, supported by Arbanas approve the December 15, 2015 minutes as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rebecca Harvey presented a tentative planning schedule is providing target dates for the Master Plan to include: February- drafts of the last 3 chapters and maps; March – complete preliminary draft and public forum or open house to comment on the draft master plan (this is not a requirement); April – discuss the comments and feedback and begin the adoption process. This tentative schedule includes the Master Plan adoption by August 2016. Ms. Harvey provided copies of chapter 4 and asked questions concerning chapter 4 and the land use map. The Board will review the submitted chapter for the next meeting and provide comments. Ms. Harvey presented the changes to chapter 4 and requested feedback on the industrial base to be included
in chapter 4. The Board asked what the purpose is for the information provided. Ms. Harvey explained it is in addition to the information in the existing plan.

Ryan Glass and Craig McDonald introduced themselves to the Board. Mr. Gale presented the site plan application for a building to store tow trucks to the Board. The Board questioned if there was an existing concrete slab. Mr. McDonald stated that yes it was part of an old garage or pole building. Section 42-302 (B) (1) Item G was discussed. Mr. McDonald stated no outside parking was planned since they own the parcel behind and parking is there. The Board asked about leaking and maintenance fluids. Mr. McDonald stated that there will be no leaking fluid or maintenance fluids. The Board asked the type of structure being built. Mr. Glass stated it is a pole style construction with an all metal exterior.

Motion by Olsen and supported by Kerby to move the site plan to the Township Board with the recommendation to approve the proposed site plan. The motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Bert Gale presented to the Board a request to review the building height requirement in the Waterfront Area Zoning District. Examples of 2 ZBA applications were presented. These 2 ZBA appeals occurred in the last 3 months. Mr. Gale recommended the Board review the information presented in order to discuss this topic at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be February 25, 2016 at 6 PM.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Largent
Zoning Administrator