Chairman Peat called the Paw Paw Township Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on March 24, 2016 at the Township Hall.

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

ABSENT: James Tapper.

ALSO PRESENT: Rebecca Harvey (Planning Consultant), Bert Gale (Zoning Administrator), and Kelly Largent (Zoning Administrator).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 28, 2016: Motion by Olsen, supported by Kerby approve the January 28, 2016 minutes as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved.

February 4, 2016: Motion by Olsen, supported by Kerby approve the January 28, 2016 minutes as submitted. The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rebecca Harvey presented a Chapter 5 and stated there were no changes to patterns for the Future Land Use map. Ms. Harvey stated that chapter 5 provides the classifications information for the Master Plan. This chapter contains classifications she created and suggestions for the titles of the created sections along with new titles for the sections that were combined. Ms. Harvey has several classifications which have combined previous Master Plan classifications, examples include the Agricultural classification will include information on the Agricultural Farm Preservation District, Rural Residential classification to replace Agricultural Rural
Residential to draw a distinction between the Agricultural and Rural Residential classifications, Low Density Residential which combines three zoning districts, and several others. This chapter also contains a new section titled “Highlighted Plan Elements”. The zoning plan will be a graphic table which will identify which classification will utilize the current zoning districts.

Ms. Harvey reported that the only remaining sections are the action plan and demographics. The maps will be changed to reflect the new classifications. The Board will be able to review the entire draft prior to the public hearing and could be brought to the next meeting if the Board would like. The Chairman requested that Ms. Harvey provided the entire draft to the Board at the next meeting. The Board will have one month to review the draft master plan and then will begin the formal process of adoption.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Don Stull reported that the Planning Commission members received payment for the cancelled February 25, 2016 meeting, so that payment will be applied to this meeting. He also has a new email address and has agreed to send out an email to all in order to ensure we have the correct one.

Ms. Harvey invited the Board to a presentation of her planning studio class project on April 21 at 7 PM. The presentation will be located at the Library. The topic of the project is waterfront zoning district overlay.

The next meeting will be April 28, 2016 at 6 PM.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Kerby, supported by Olsen to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Largent
Zoning Administrator