PAW PAW TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
March 27, 2014

Chairman Peat called the special meeting of the Paw Paw Township Planning Commission meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. on March 27, 2014 at the Township Hall.

PRESENT:  Randall Peat, Phil Arbanas, Bill Johnson, William Mihelich, Ivan Olsen, Donald Stull, Kip Kerby

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: John Lohrstorfer, (Township Legal Counsel), Bert Gale (Zoning Administrator), Troy Feltman (Zoning Administrator)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Mehelich, supported by Olsen to approve the agenda with the addition of “Election Of Officer” added under New Business. Motion passed 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 5, 2013

Motion by Kerby, supported by Stull to approve the December 5, 2013 minutes as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Stull updated the Planning Commission on the status of the Outdoor Wood Boiler Ordinance Amendment. The Township Board of Trustees has adopted the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approved the document as presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Election of Officers: Motion by Mehelich, supported by Stull to elect Randall Peat as Chairman and Ivan Olsen as ViceChairman for 2014. Motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Peat and Commissioner Olsen abstained from the vote.

B. Training Session: Attorney John Lohrstorfer from the firm Bauckham, Sparks, Lohrstorfer, Thall & Seeber presented information to the members about the current legal
trends & issues impacting local government. The discussion also outlined the legal requirements for conducting effective meetings & public hearings. In addition, Attorney Lohrstorfer presented examples of ordinances regulating wind energy systems and solar energy panels.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members discussed setting the next meeting for June 25th at 7:00 p.m. In addition, the members asked that the Paw Paw Township Master Plan be placed on the agenda for review.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Olsen, supported by Kerby to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Troy L. Feltman, AGS