

**ADA TOWNSHIP TOWNSHIP BOARD / ADA TOWNSHIP DDA
/ ADA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.
ADA TOWNSHIP HALL
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Haga at 7:00 pm.

Present from the Township Board: Supervisor Haga, Treasurer Moran, Clerk Smith, and Trustees Proos and Jacobs. Absent – Trustees LeBlanc and Hurwitz.

Present from the DDA: Bob Kullgren, Walt VanderWulp, Terry Bowersox, George Haga, Bryan Harrison, Devin Norman, Ted Wright. Absent – Sarah Andro, Jim Ippel.

Present from the Planning Commission: Angela Butterfield.

Present from the Parking Committee: Linda Anderson, Warren Rempel, Chris Czekai.

Also present: Dave Madiol, Bill Payne, Noelle DiVozzo, Mike Zurgable.

The work session was opened by Supervisor Haga and then turned over to Planning Director Jim Ferro.

Ferro explained that the appointed nine-member Parking Committee held three meetings and had a couple presentations from the parking consultant. They had received results of more recent parking occupancy counts. The end results were in terms of projected future parking surplus/deficiencies.

Ferro explained the process of conducting and reporting on the parking study.

There were comments and questions from those present regarding how to read the maps, accuracy of the maps, future plans of some of the businesses, and some potential solutions.

Topics regarding potential solutions included the east lot at the township building and the ATT lot, the Community Church, and establishing maximum time limits.

Parking Committee recommendations include approval of the Ada Village Parking Study Final Report by the township board, planning for the future additional parking spaces needed, and the township taking steps to secure and hold land in appropriate locations for additional parking use.

There were additional comments and questions regarding the focus being on areas 2A and 2B, handicap parking, the art (not science) of determining deficits, the best use of the green space on Fulton, the goal of 50% of parking being municipal, and the importance of determining solutions.

There was discussion regarding the Community Church. They want to stay in the area and want to contribute to the community, but they do not have needed resources.

There were additional comments regarding the deficient supply of parking, the needed increase in public parking, and the need for setting up a time schedule. There was also a suggestion that we should not “overbuild.”

It was stated that the Parking Committee needs an achievable goal.

The work session was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jacqueline Smith
Ada Township Clerk