

**ADA TOWNSHIP  
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE JULY 27, 2006 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Greg Forbes, George Haga, Bette Roberts, Elise Roe, Mischelle Sytsma.

**ABSENT:** Betty Jo Crosby, Jamie Ladd, Matt Nygren, Randy Van Dragt.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Planning Director Jim Ferro

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Moved by Haga, seconded by Roberts, to approve the minutes of the June 29 meeting.

Motion passed.

**DISCUSSION OF PROPERTIES OF INTEREST:**

Ada Animal Hospital Property:

Haga and Ferro reported that a boundary and legal description has been prepared by Moore and Bruggink for a possible acquisition of surplus property from the veterinarians. The map of the proposed boundary was provided to the vets to make sure it is acceptable to them, before the Township makes an offer to them. Ferro stated that we heard from them within the last 2 days that the proposed boundary is acceptable to them.

It was moved by Forbes, seconded by Roberts, to recommend to the Administrative Committee that an option to purchase surplus land from the Ada Animal Hospital as shown on the proposed boundary map be pursued, at fair market value.

Motion approved unanimously.

Joseph Jakeway Property – PDR Funding

Ferro reported he had heard from Kendra Wills that Kent County's applications for federal funding for the Purchase of Development Rights program were not approved. Only 3 projects in the entire state were approved, and two of them were in Washtenaw County.

We are now waiting to hear from the County regarding how much of the available funds will be offered for the Jakeway PDR project.

383 Pettis Ave. Property:

Ferro reported we still do not have an agreed-upon purchase price with the owner of the property. Both parties may need to have their own certified appraisals prepared, and reviewed by a third party selected by the State.

Carew Property:

There was no new information to report on this property.

Haga will follow up with the Carew family, and will also contact representatives on behalf of the Alticor property owned adjacent to the Carew property.

Despres Property:

Ferro reported that this property has been purchased by a husband and wife who plan to build a new home on the property. Ferro has heard that they are not interested in developing the property, and intend to plant some fruit trees on the property.

**REVISED FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Haga distributed a revised financial report showing the allocation of parks and land preservation millage funds and the current balance, based on 58.1% of the millage revenues being allocated for open space preservation. The balance of funds available is \$750,141. Haga reported that the Township's auditor has recommended establishing a separate fund account for the parks and land preservation millage revenues and expenditures.

**MARKETING/PROMOTION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Elise Roe distributed a list of marketing and promotion ideas generated by the Committee.

Greg Forbes offered to prepare a Powerpoint presentation on the Township's natural features for presentation to the Township Board. The consensus of the group was to schedule a Board presentation for the September 25 Township Board meeting. It was noted that the presentation could also be placed on the Township's web site.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 21, at 4:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.