

**ADA TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING**

The special meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on December 1, 2008 by Chairperson Betty Jo Crosby.

PRESENT: Betty Jo Crosby, George Haga, Jamie Ladd, Elise Roe, Mischelle Sytsma, Jeff Vandenberg

ABSENT: Randy VanDragt, Randy Damstra, Rick Steketee

STAFF PRESENT: Planning Director Jim Ferro

PUBLIC PRESENT: Raj Agrawal

Haga announced the appointment of Randy Damstra to the Advisory Board, as the Park Committee representative, and the re-appointment of Roe and VanDragt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2008 MEETING

Approval of the minutes was postponed to the next regular meeting.

POTENTIAL DONATED CONSERVATION EASEMENT AT 3201 EGYPT VALLEY AVE. BY RAJ AND SUNITA AGRAWAL

The Advisory Board reviewed and discussed a revised draft of the proposed conservation easement, dated December 1, 2008. The results of a site visit on November 21 by Crosby, Ladd, Sytsma and Ferro were discussed. Discussion focused on the provisions of the easement concerning use of horses and motorized off-road vehicles in the designated Open Space Area.

It was moved by Ladd, seconded by Sytsma, to revise the draft easement language to provide that trails in the open space area should be restricted to use for foot traffic only, with the exception that motorized off-road vehicle use be permitted only for construction and maintenance of permitted trails, with the additional restriction that motorized vehicles not be permitted to be used in any designated wetland area.

Motion passed by 6-0 vote.

It was moved by Haga, seconded by Sytsma, to recommend to the Township Board that the proposed conservation easement, as revised by the previous motion, be accepted, subject to the donor paying to the Township an amount to be determined, to pay for future easement monitoring and stewardship.

Motion passed by 6-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Susan Burton
Ada Township Clerk
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