

**ADA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 28, 2006 WORK SESSION MEETING**

A work session meeting of the Ada Township Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2006, at the Ada Township Offices, 7330 Thornapple River Dr., Ada, Michigan.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Korth at 5:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Korth, Burton, Butterfield, Gutierrez, Hoeks, Lowry, Sytsma.

Also Present: Planning Director Ferro.

Also Present: Scott Gregory, Jamie Ladd

III. PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO PERMIT DOG DAY CARE AND BOARDING IN THE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT BY SPECIAL USE PERMIT

The Commission reviewed information collected by Ferro regarding the measurement of noise levels and methods for assessment of noise impacts, and considered potential ordinance language drafted by Ferro to add noise standards to the special use standards being considered.

The Commission determined that the type of noise standard suggested by Ferro should be considered as a general standard to be applied to all uses in the Industrial district, and that ordinance amendment language providing for this should be prepared.

No action was taken on the zoning ordinance amendment pertaining to dog day care and boarding.

IV. DISCUSSION OF MASTER PLAN DRAFT VISION STATEMENT.

The Commission continued discussion of the draft Vision Statement.

Specific topics discussed included the commercial area near the Fulton St./Pettis Ave. intersection and whether public utilities should be provided to this area. The consensus was that public sewer only should be provided to the limited area of existing commercial development, provided the cost of extending service is paid by those who would use the service.

The Commission also discussed a request from Jamie Ladd that vacant land he owns adjacent to the cell phone tower on East Fulton St. be considered for a mixed use office/warehouse land use designation.

The consensus of the Commission was that this site would be best suited for residential use, with some allowance for higher density provided, based on the very close proximity of the cell phone tower, and the fact that the nature features of the site have been greatly altered by previous mining of the site..

V. PUBLIC COMMENT.

There was no public comment.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

The Commission set a date of Tuesday, April 25 at 5:00 p.m. for another Master Plan work session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Ensing Millhuff, CMC
Ada Township Clerk
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