

**ADA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2007 MEETING**

A special meeting of the Ada Township Planning Commission was held on Thursday, March 28, 2007, at the Ada Township Offices, 7330 Thornapple River Dr., Ada, Michigan.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Korth at 3:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Korth, Commissioners Burton, Butterfield, Hoeks, Lowry and Sytsma. Absent: Commissioner Gutierrez. Also Present: Planning Director Ferro.

Public Present: 3

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Hoeks, second by Sytsma, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. DISCUSSION OF TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN

The Commission reviewed two alternative future land use scenarios prepared by Ferro for the western end of the Fulton St. corridor in the Township. Both alternatives provide some land on the north side of Fulton St., west of Alta Dale Ave., for development at densities higher than the current Rural Residential zoning permits.

Hoeks suggested the possibility of a 3rd alternative, that would retain a density designation of 1 lot per 2 acre density for the land along the north side of Fulton St., from Rollingbrook west to Taos Ave.

Korth suggested that the the goal of more compact development that better utilizes land served by existing roads and utilities in this area be addressed in the text of the Master Plan, rather than by designating specific land on the Master Plan map for higher density. Korth stated that he expected more today in terms of completed drafts of portions of the Master Plan. Ferro stated he did not have time to produce anything other than the material presented today.

Following additional discussion of work load and staffing levels, it was moved by Sytsma, seconded by Burton, to reocmmend to the Township Board that additional planning staff resources be obtained.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Commission set a date for another work session on the Master Plan for Friday, April 13, at 4:30 p.m. Ferro indicated he would have an updated Vision Statement prepared for that meeting, as well as a Future Land Use Map and accompanying text.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Ensing Millhuff, CMC
Ada Township Clerk
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