ADA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MAY 31, 2007 SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Ada Township Planning Commission was held on Thursday, May 31, 2007, at the Ada Township Offices, 7330 Thornapple River Dr., Ada, Michigan.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Korth at 4:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. REVIEW OF DRAFT MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Ferro distributed a May 31 draft of the Master Plan update to the Commission members. In discussion, it was noted that the demographic trends summarized in Chapter II, notably the aging of the population and decrease in average household size over the decades, support the need for empty-nester housing.

Ferro pointed out revisions he had made in the language describing suggested uses for the Fulton Street industrial corridor, and the expressed desire to eliminate industrial uses over time. In discussion, the consensus of the Commission was that this should be revised to continue to allow industrial uses in this area, as it is our only location for small manufacturing businesses. The Master Plan should emphasize the need for strict performance controls as the means to address the adjacency of this corridor to residential neighborhoods, rather than restricting industrial uses.

It was moved by Sytsma, seconded by Burton, to transmit the draft Master Plan, with revisions as discussed above, to the Township Board for review and comment, to request that the Board authorize distribution of the document to adjacent communities as soon as possible, and to request a joint work session with the Board to discuss the draft Plan.

Motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION

Sytsma noted she would be absent from the June 21 meeting.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Deborah Ensing Millhuff, CMC
Ada Township Clerk
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