

**ADA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 29, 2007 SPECIAL MEETING**

A special meeting of the Ada Township Planning Commission was held on Monday, October 29, 2007, at the Ada Township Offices, 7330 Thornapple River Dr., Ada, Michigan.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Korth at 3:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. DISCUSSION OF DRAFT MASTER PLAN

Ferro distributed additional written public comment on the proposed Master Plan that had been received at or after the public hearing on the 25th. Ferro also noted he added some older written input that had been received very early in the process, including a letter on behalf of the Old Rhoades Meadows Condominium Association, a summary of input from the Winter, 2005 Open House, a 2005 letter from Jamie Ladd concerning land near Fulton St. and Bennett, and a letter from Rob Cumming regarding land along the north side of Fulton St.

Ferro noted that correspondence from Brian Bestrom, from Rollingbrook Dr., Nick Amato, Rollingbrook Dr., a letter from Taos Ave. residents and a letter from John McCabe were also in the Commission's handouts, which were all submitted at the October 25 hearing.

The Commission reviewed comments received and provided direction to staff to make several revisions to the draft text of the Plan, including removal of language concerning potential higher density along Fulton St. near Taos Ave., addition of language regarding the influence of the Somerville airstrip and Gerald R. Ford airport, change in language concerning a study of the need for and location of additional bridge crossings of the Grand River, and clarification of language concerning extension of water and sewer service beyond current areas served.

It was also suggested that the written input regarding mandatory maintenance of septic systems should be sent to the Kent County Health Dept., with a cover letter on behalf of the Planning Commission.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Hoeks, seconded by Lowry, to set a special meeting for Thursday, November 1, at noon, at the Township Offices, at which time the Commission will consider the final draft for adoption.

Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Ensing Millhuff, CMC
Ada Township Clerk
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