ADA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 30, 2008 WORK SESSION MEETING



A special meeting of the Ada Township Planning Commission was held on Thursday, October 30, 2008, at Forest Hills Eastern Middle School/High School, 2200 Pettis Ave. NE, Ada, Michigan

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Korth at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Korth, Commissioners Burton, Gutierrez, Hoeks (arrived at 7:30 p.m.),

Lowry and Sytsma.

Absent: Butterfield

Also Present: Planning Director Ferro. Ada Township wireless communications consultant Andrew

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Public Present: Approximately 20

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. NEIGHBORHOOD FORUM ON WIRELESS FACILITIES NEEDS AND ALTERNATIVES

Ferro presented slides with information regarding factors affecting the need for new wireless antenna sites in the Township, and constraints on the Township's decision-making authority imposed by Federal law.. Members of the public commented on the merits of alternative sites and methods of providing for wireless services. There were also comments made on the need or lack thereof for improved wireless coverage in the Knapp/Pettis area. Several members of the public expressed the view that if there had to be new wireless facilities in the area, the least objectionable option would be to co-locate on existing structures at the school campus. The view was also expressed that the school campus would not be an appropriate location for such facilities.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no public comment on items not on the agenda.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Lowry, seconded by Sytsma, to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Ensing Millhuff, CMC Ada Township Clerk rs:jf