

**ADA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2007 SPECIAL MEETING**

A special meeting of the Ada Township Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, at the Ada Township Offices, 7330 Thornapple River Dr., Ada, Michigan.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Korth at 12:00 noon.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Korth, Commissioners Burton, Butterfield, Hoeks, Lowry and Sytsma.

Absent: Gutierrez

Also Present: Planning Director Ferro.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF ADA TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN, 2007

Korth asked Ferro if the draft in front of the Commission contained the revisions discussed at the meeting last Thursday. Ferro stated it does incorporate those changes.

Commissioner Butterfield arrived at this time, at approximately 12:05 p.m..

Ferro reviewed a few additional minor changes he had added to the draft Plan, including additional material covering agricultural land use in the Township, our desire to preserve agricultural uses in certain areas of the Township, the reasons for doing so, and the tools we propose to help preserve agricultural land. These changes are intended to ensure that our Plan meets State criteria for participation in the State's purchase of development rights grant program.

Ferro also reviewed a minor addition encouraging use of PUD zoning along the Cascade Road corridor, and a few other minor changes for internal consistency of the document. The Commission also made a few revisions to the target timeframes identified for implementation actions contained in the plan, including categorizing the timeframes as 1) less than 1 year, 2) 1-3 years and 3) 3-5 years.

Following the review of the final draft, it was moved by Burton, seconded by Sytsma, to accept the changes in the draft plan that have been made since the public hearing, the most significant of which is the removal of language pertaining to planned development density along the north side of Fulton St., west of Spaulding Ave., with other changes being for clarification only.

Motion passed unanimously.

It was then moved by Hoeks, seconded by Sytsma, to adopt the Resolution titled "A Resolution to Approve the Ada Township Master Plan, 2007," and to forward the Plan to the Board of Trustees.

Motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENT.

Korth pointed out that he would be recusing himself from the proposed rezoning of land in the Village to PUD, since he owns land in the area proposed for rezoning. He noted that our Bylaws clearly state that this is considered a conflict of interest, and automatic cause for recusal.

Korth suggested mailing the explanatory material Ferro has prepared to the property owners involved. Ferro indicated he would do this.

Korth encouraged Commission members to attend the Township Board meeting on Monday, November 12, at which time the Township Board will be considering the proposed Master Plan.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Burton, seconded by Lowry, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

(Note: Underlining and overstriking indicate revisions to draft minutes approved by the Commission).

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Ensing Millhuff, CMC
Ada Township Clerk
rs:jf