

**Ash Township
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Held on: Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall, 1677 Ready Rd., Carleton, MI

Members Present: Eric Smith, Fred Wickenheiser, Jim Booth, Sid Stumpmier, Robin Carmack, Dan Mieden, and Don Kesckes.

Absent Members: Tom Anson and Jan Langton.

Others Present: Jim Vaslo-Zoning Administrator, Adam Young of WadeTrim, Nikki Martel-minutes recorder, and 3 citizens.

Meeting is called to order with the pledge of allegiance, at 7:30p.m. Chairman asked if everyone received a copy of the November (no December meeting) Meeting minutes, and if there were any corrections?

Motion to accept the meeting minutes from 11-18-08 by Stumpmier, support Wickenheiser. Carried.

Chairman asked if everyone received the agenda, and if there were any additions or corrections? Added Old Business item A. Panhandle Eastern update and B. Current Litigations update. Added under New Business item C. Master Plan update and D. Re-election of officers. Chairman asked if the audience would like to add anything to the agenda? Nothing added.

Motion to accept the amended agenda by Booth, support Kesckes. Carried.

Old Business

A. Panhandle Eastern update.

Mr. Vaslo told the board that the attorney's are still working out an agreement. Michcon is not yet tapped at the site and it might not come before the PC again.

B. Current Litigations update.

Mr. Vaslo went through the list. Gasper- not sure where were at. Hubbard- has proved ownership of all trailer and cleaned up blight. Cortex Ford- they are behind on site plan PC should have it at the next meeting. A&M Transmissions- Bought property next store, all 3 parcels are RE and Vaslo is working on it. Flat Rock Speedway- they are here tonight for rezoning.

New Business

A. Public Hearing for rezoning request for parcel #5801-001-025-00, commonly known as 14041 Telegraph Road, owned by Ronald Drager to bring the use into compliance.

Motion to open public hearing by Stumpmier, support Smith. Carried.

Adam read his review letter and explained to the audience that the track is surrounded by Commercial and Industrial properties. WT recommends approval.

Conversation took place on topics such as site plan, landscaping, new zoning amendment and parking lot improvements.

Motion to close public hearing by Kesckes, support Booth. Carried.

Motion to recommend to the Township Board approval of rezoning parcel #5801-001-025-00 from Ag (agriculture) to I-1 (light industrial) by Booth, support Wickenheiser. Roll Call 7-Yes 0-No. Motion Carried.

B. Proposed Manufacturer Vehicle Storage Zoning Amendment.

Mr. Vaslo explained that he had contact Mr. Young about reviewing this ordinance. Adam felt that there was changes that could be made. In the memo dated 1-8-09 he mentioned modifying the definition of manufactured owned and allow storage in the I districts. After discussion the PC would also like to have item K. in this section removed.

Motion to set a public hearing at the February 17, 2009 meeting by Carmack, support Smith. Carried.

C. Master Plan update.

Adam reviewed a wonderful packet he put together with background studies and maps. He went over all 6 maps and what they included. Adam would like the PC to invite about 10 people to a focus group meeting before the next meeting. He will bring prompt question for the group to think about.

D. Re-Election of Officers.

Booth nominated Smith for Chairman- support Carmack.

Booth nominated Stumpmier for Vice-Chairman-support Smith.

Booth nominated Wickenheiser for Secretary- support Kesckes.

Motion to close nominations by Booth, support Kesckes.

All seats were filled by acclimation.

Motion to adjourn by Booth, support Kesckes. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikki Martel
Minutes Secretary