

**Ash Township
Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Held on: Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at Ash Township Hall, 1677 Ready Rd., Carleton, MI.

Members Present: Eric Smith, Jim Booth, Sid Stumpmier, Robin Carmack, Tom Anson, Fred Wickenheiser and Jan Langton.

Absent Members: Dan Mieden, Don Kesckes

Others Present: Adam Young of WadeTrim, Jim Vaslo – Township Manager/Zoning Administrator

Meeting was called to order, the Chairman asked if everyone received a copy of the May 19, 2009 Meeting minutes, and if there were any additions or corrections? There were none.

Motion by Stumpmier supported by Booth to accept the regular meeting minutes from 5-19-2009. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Chairman asked if everyone received the agenda, and if there were any additions or corrections? Add under Old Business, A. Master Plan Public Hearing Date and add under New Business, B. Township Image Letter.

Motion by Booth supported by Smith to accept the agenda as amended. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Old Business

A. Master Plan Public Hearing

Motion by Stumpmier supported by Carmack to set a Public Hearing on the proposed master plan update for October 20, 2009, at 7:30 pm. Voice vote taken. Motion Carried.

New Business

A. Site Plan Review for Proposed Fire Station, Ash Township.

Discussion took place on the proposed site plan. Adam Young from Wade Trim reviewed the project and summarized his review letter and recommendations. The commission members voiced their concerns regarding lighting on Maxwell Road, a possible new traffic control device that could be activated during a fire call, the need for a clear line of sight for emergency vehicles

entering Maxwell Road, screening requirements between residential and commercial uses, the need for some additional “overflow” parking to the rear of the site and the lack of a landscaping and lighting plan.

Supervisor Carmack and Township Manager Vaslo explained that the Township has applied for a \$1.8 million grant for construction of the proposed fire station. In order to receive the highest consideration possible the project needs to be “shovel ready”. The grant did not require that a landscape or lighting plan be submitted so in order to keep costs to a minimum, one was not completed. The Monroe County Road Commission as part of their review will be asked to evaluate the street lighting in the area as well as the line of site issues and any needed improvements to the traffic control devices.

Motion by Booth supported by Langton to approve the proposed fire station site plan contingent upon additional parking being added to the rear of the site, that a landscaping and lighting plan be submitted for review prior to construction and that the requirement for parking lot screening walls be waived. Roll call vote, 7-Yes, 0-No. Motion Carried

B. Township Image Letter.

Commission members commented on the letter they received from the Township regarding how a Township can mold the future image of its community. Comments and updates were also heard on current land use law suites and the parking of semi trailers on agricultural lands.

Motion to adjourn by Booth supported by Smith. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Vaslo
Township Manager