

**Ash Township  
Planning Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

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

**Members Present:** Eric Smith, Jim Booth, Robin Carmack, Tom Anson, Fred Wickenheiser, Dan Meiden, and Don Kecskes, Jan Langton.

**Absent Members:** Sid Stumpmier

**Others Present:** Adam Young of WadeTrim, Jim Vaslo Township Manager, and 3 citizens.

Meeting was called to order, the Chairman asked if everyone received a copy of the September 15, 2009 Meeting minutes, and if there were any additions or corrections? There were none.

Motion by booth supported by Kecskes to approve the proposed regular meeting minutes from 9/15/2009. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Chairman asked if everyone received the agenda, and if there were any additions or corrections? Add under New Business, A: Discussion on Ordinance 7C, Section 21.20.

Motion by Booth supported by Langton to approve the amended agenda. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

A. Master Plan Update Public Hearing

Motion by Kecskes supported by Langton to open the Public Hearing for the Master Plan Update at 7:41pm. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Adam Young explained the process that led the commission to this point. It has taken nine months of work by the commission, planner and stakeholders from the community to update the Master Plan. Adam reviewed the Future Land Use Map and its importance to land use and the reasoning behind the different zoning districts.

A resident asked if we received any comments back from neighboring communities. The Chair answered no but we did receive a letter from Monroe County Planning. Adam reviewed those comments at the last meeting and some were incorporated into the Master Plan Update. Discussion from the audience ranged from changes to the future land use map, how density is

determined, the impact of large residential developments on roads, schools, etc. and how the public can find out what is permitted in each zoning district.

Motion by Booth supported by Anson to close the Public Hearing at 8:05 pm. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith supported by Booth to recommend adoption of the Master Plan to the Township Board. Roll call vote taken:

Smith - yes  
Booth - yes  
Carmack - yes  
Anson - yes  
Wickenheiser - yes  
Meiden - yes  
Kecskes - yes  
Langton - yes  
Stumpmier – absent

Motion carries.

### **New Business**

#### A. Discussion on Ordinance 7C Section 21.20, Soil Removal; Excavation; Filling.

Jim Vaslo informed the commission on the subject of filling property in the township and the fact that the ordinance, as written, has very little regulation on the matter. Jim explained that he thought the ordinance should be revised to give the Township a proactive position on filling instead of a reactive one. Members of the commission voice their views as well as members of the audience.

It was the consensus of the commission that the ordinance should be revised. Adam Young was asked to bring some sample language changes to the next meeting for review. He was also asked to research neighboring community's ordinances for possible assistance with changes.

No action taken by the commission.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Vaslo  
Township Manager