

**ASH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

The Ash Township Planning meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. in the Ready Road Hall by Chairman Smith.

Members present: Eric Smith, Sid Stumpmier, Don Kecskes, Bob Lowry, Eric Blaz, Jan Langton, Darrell Mossburg, and Jim Booth.

Absent members: Robin Carmack.

Others present: Jim Vaslo – Township Manager, Adam Young – Township Planner, and 3 citizens.

Motion #424 Meeting Minutes Approval.

Motion by Stumpmier supported by Lowry to approve the Ash Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2017 as presented. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #425 Agenda Approval.

Motion by Booth supported by Smith to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- A. A **Public Hearing** for Parcel #5801-013-017-40, 2.32 acres of vacant land on Telegraph Road in Carleton, MI 48117, owned by Richard Cabala who has authorized applicant Dwane Ong II to request a rezoning from AG, Agricultural to C-3, Heavy Commercial, for a self storage business and a commercial wood shop with offices.

Motion #426 To Open Public Hearing.

Motion by Kecskes supported by Mossburg to open the Public Hearing for Parcel # 5801-013-017-40 and the rezoning request. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Chairman Smith began the discussion by asking Planner Young to review the request for the commission. In Wade Trim's letter dated 3/16/17, to the Planning Commission members, the planner reviewed the rezoning request in consideration of the existing land use patterns, established zoning patterns, proposed zoning, future land use recommendations, and sound

planning principles. He went on to offer their findings for the commission's consideration. Wade Trim's recommendation was in support of less intensive rezoning to a C-2 district.

Chairman Smith offered the floor to the applicant who was present. Mr. Ong described his intentions for the property and answered questions from the commission members. He understood the recommendation from the Planner for C-2 and stated that he would accept a lesser zoning than the requested C-3 if the C-2 would allow for the uses he proposes.

Chairman Smith opened public comment to the citizens present and none was heard. Manager Vaslo noted that the Township received no written or verbal comments for or against the proposed rezoning. After some additional discussion and comment the following motions were offered:

Motion #427 To Close Public Hearing.

Motion by Mossburg supported by Langton to close the Public Hearing for Parcel #5801-013-017-40. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion #428 To Recommend.

Motion by Blaz supported by Booth to recommend to the Township Board that Parcel #5801-013-017-40 be rezoned from AG, Agricultural to C-2 General Commercial. Roll Call: 8 - Yes, 0 - No Motion carried.

Motion #429 Meeting Adjourn.

Motion by Booth supported by Mossburg to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Jim Vaslo, Ash Township Manager