

MACOMB TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES AND PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2009

LOCATION: MACOMB TOWNSHIP MEETING CHAMBERS
54111 BROUGHTON ROAD
MACOMB, MI 48042

PRESENT: EDWARD GALLAGHER, CHAIRMAN
DEAN AUSILIO, VICE CHAIRMAN
MICHAEL D. KOEHS, SECRETARY
CHARLES OLIVER, MEMBER
TONY POPOVSKI, MEMBER
NUNZIO PROVENZANO, MEMBER
JASPER SCIUTO, MEMBER

ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: Jerome Schmeiser, Planning Consultant
(Additional attendance on file at the Clerk's Office)

Chairman GALLAGHER called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

1. Clerk KOEHS called the roll and the entire Commission was present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

2. The agenda was reviewed and there were no additions, corrections or deletions.

MOTION by OLIVER seconded by KOEHS to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

3. The approval of the minutes for the meeting of August 4, 2009 was tabled until the next Planning Commission meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

4. Proposed amendment to the Master Plan; the Gratiot Avenue Access Management Proposal.

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Ms. Sherrin Hood, from LSL Planning, and Mr. Jon Paul Rea, from Macomb County Planning, presented a final review of the Gratiot Avenue Access Management Proposal. The goals and objectives of the plan were reviewed in a power point presentation and a discussion was held regarding the implications of this plan.

The purpose for the plan is to improve the vehicular and pedestrian access and movement along the entire Gratiot Avenue corridor through Macomb County, including the portion in Macomb Township.

The reason for placing this on the agenda this evening is to request that the Planning Commission forward this proposal to the Board of Trustees with the recommendation that the Board distribute the proposed amendment to all surrounding communities and utilities, as required by law.

If the Board of Trustees authorizes the distribution, there will be a forty two (42) day review period, after which time a public hearing will be held. The tentative date for that public hearing is October 20, 2009.

MOTION by KOEHS seconded by PROVENZANO to forward this proposal to the Board of Trustees and recommend that they authorize the distribution of the proposed amendment to the Master Plan as required by statute.

MOTION carried.

PLANNING CONSULTANTS COMMENTS

None

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

A comment was made by Member SCIUTO that the Kroger store at 26 mile Road and Romeo Plank Road had in fact painted the outside storage area which had been approved by this Commission earlier.

Member SCIUTO also commented about the access points at the Post Office facility under construction in the area of 21 Mile Road and Hayes Road.

ADJOURNMENT

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MOTION by SCIUTO seconded by PROVENZANO to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 7:51 p.m.

MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Gallagher, Chairman

Michael D. Koehs, CMC
Macomb Township Clerk
Planning Commission Secretary