

**SCIO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**  
827 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103  
**MEETING MINUTES OF MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2008**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Arscott called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

**2) ROLL CALL**

Present: Dries, Mayo, Hanson, Kangas, Green, Fuller, Arscott, Fuller

Others present: Doug Lewan, Carlisle-Wortman, Planning Consultant

**3) COMMUNICATIONS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE**

Brochure, Washtenaw County, Washtenaw Area Transportation, Presentation of Transit Plan Recommendations, Washtenaw Community College, March 24, 2008, 7:00 p.m.; Minutes, City of Ann Arbor Planning Commission Meeting, January 21, 2008; Regular Meeting Agenda, City of Ann Arbor Planning Commission, March 18, 2008; Letter from City of Ann Arbor, dated March 17, 2008, Notice of Public Hearing, Planning and Development Services, April 1, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Ann Arbor City Hall, regarding Capital Improvement Plan for 2009-2014.

**4) PRESENTATIONS REQUESTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

None

**5) PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**6) BUSINESS SESSION**

**A) Advertised public hearings:**

None

**B) Unfinished Business**

None

**C) New Business**

None

**7) REPORTS/COMMISSIONER ACTIVITY**

**A. Chair- Report:**

(1) Downtown Development Authority subcommittee of Washtenaw County Road Commission to start convening about street trees on Jackson Road.

(2) MDOT changed rules for plantings along Jackson Road Boulevard; no trees within 22 feet of back of curb.

- (3) New Planning Enabling Act; Carsile-Wortman will prepare a summary.
- (4) Article in Dexter Leader concerning Scio Planning Commission survey. Consensus is that no Planning Commission response will be made.

**B. Planning Consultant**

Update on Lubienski and Parker/Barron properties litigation.

**C. Engineering Consultant**

None

**D. BOT Report - Dries**

(1) Issues in litigation: Lubienski and Parker/Barron properties.

**E. Road Commission Advisory Committee - Kangas**

Township lawyer has talked to the committee about SAD's, and what the Township can/cannot do. There was discussion about how the Township might obtain funds to get SAD going. There has been a good discussion with Jay Holland from the Downtown Development Authority regarding seed money to get SAD going if there is no millage or other means to get funds. Washtenaw County Road Commission does not see "chip and seal" in subdivisions as its job; Scio Township would have to pay. There will be an article in the Township Newsletter about the group.

**F. Zoning Board of Appeals - Fuller**

No meetings held.

**G. Sewer Study Committee - Dries**

Waiting for more detail(s) from Finance on the report.

**H. DDA - Mayo**

DDA has adopted a proposal from Anderson Economic Group for Economic Development Strategic Plan.

**I. Master Planning/Survey - Hanson**

Committee met again last week and is in the process of wordsmithing SPA Section; will present a complete draft, excluding implementation section, to the Planning Commission at April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**J. Planning Consultant - Lewan**

Met with County Planning Department. The County is interested in Scio Township's GIS system developed by Jim Merte. The County wants to test the process for Scio Township and prepare a "buildout" scenario. This will be very useful for public utility planning, for determining density restrictions, and for Jackson Road development; strictly residential; commercial property does not show up on the map. There will be a presentation to the Planning Commission.

**K. Zoning Ordinance Amendments - Green and Lewan**

- (1) Presentation of latest draft of new Planning Commission by-laws;
- (2) Presentation of list of proposed amendments to conditional and permitted uses in the various zoning classifications;

- (3) Changes mandated by Right to Farm Act;
- (4) Water features and wetland buffer amendment. These will apply during zoning compliance and site plan review;
- (5) Zoning Ordinance update process.

***L. Land Preservation Commission - Arscott***

None

**8) PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**9) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None

**10) ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KANGAS, SUPPORT BY COMMISSIONER HANSON TO  
ADJOURN AT 10:31 P.M.**

**YES: 7**

**NO: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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