

Eureka Township

Dakota County

State of Minnesota

Special Town Board Meeting
April 24, 2007

Call to Order

Chair Dan Rogers called the Special Town Board Meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Town Board members present: Gloria Belzer, Dan Rogers, Jeff Otto and Brian Budenski.

Planning Commission members present: Sharon Buckley, Mike Greco, Nancy Sauber and Rich Stevens.

Citizen Advisory Committee members present: Pete Storlie, Ray Swedeen, Jody Armen-Jones, Carrie Jennings, Atina Diffley, Jim Sauber, Ray Kaufenberg.

Agenda

Roundtable Meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee, Planning Commission and Town Board.

Citizen Advisory Discussion

The meeting was turned over to the Citizen Advisory Committee for discussion. Sharon Buckley facilitated the meeting.

At the April 9, 2007 Town Board Meeting the Town Board decided not to extend additional funds as requested by the planner to continue forward. The citizen committee will move forward with discussion without the aid of the planner.

The draft plan dated April 18, 2007, prepared by Planning Consultant Bill Weber was distributed. It was noted that many of the items in the draft plan have not been discussed at CAC meetings. Planner Bill Weber put ideas in the draft plan to facilitate discussion.

The Citizen Advisory Committee reviewed the draft plan starting at Section 19, 20, 21.

There were comments by CAC members that the report does not reflect what was discussed at the CAC meetings.

19, 20 and 21 are land use issues that do not deal with housing. These areas need a lot more work. These area ideas put on paper and have not been discussed by the CAC.

22-25- Park/ Recreational trails: acknowledging existing programs. The Township will work with agency as needed.

26 and 27- Farming: There were concerns on how their decisions will affect Ag Preserve. Ag Preserve land will need to remain in current zoning. Building rights/ transfer on Ag Preserve land is unknown. The committee would like to know Met Council views. The CAC is asking for confirmation on these issues before moving forward with making a presentation to the citizens.

Pages 12 & 13 Environmental Protection: The CAC needs to make sure that the objectives of Environmental Protection are woven throughout the rest of the land use recommendation.

Pages 14 & 15 Road and Public Services: Several Township roads have 500 or more daily trips. Roads are a large part of the budget. The Township does not have the money to blacktop Township roads. The CAC would like to have numbers on the cost per house/ impact for roads, fire and police protection. Need planned access to roads, be proactive.

Pages 16 & 17 Comprehensive Planning: The CAC has not worked on this, it needs to be reviewed. The Comprehensive plan is the next step.

Page 17- Next Step- this outline was submitted by Planner, Bill Weber, the CAC has not worked through it:

1. Prepare and adopt a new Comprehensive Plan
2. Prepare and adopt a new Zoning Ordinance
3. Document and track housing rights
4. Study and resolve outstanding questions

The CAC discussed public forum/ field trip, how to move forward with the envisioning process and the future of the committee.

Ray Kaufenberg presented information on the transfer of building rights. The Ag Preserve land would need to keep the current zoning (20 % of the Township)

The CAC set a reorganizational meeting for the CAC on Monday, April 30, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

The CAC discussed continued involvement of Bill Weber in the process.

Town Board Chair Dan Rogers called for adjournment to the meeting. A motion was made by Gloria Belzer, seconded by Jeff Otto.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 pm