



ACME TOWNSHIP
NEW URBANISM CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monday, December 12, 2005, 9:00 a.m.
Acme Township Hall
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690

Meeting called to Order at 9:10 a.m.

Members present: M. Krakow , L. Craig (Co-Chairs) D. Krause, D. Rohn, N. Veliquette
Ex-officio representatives A. Andres Sr., A. Andres Jr., P. Brink, L. Bussa, S. Corpe, J. Goss,
Members absent: J. Collins, T. Gokey, J. Iacoangelli, J. Lively, S. Nowakowski, R. Reinhold
S. Smith
Staff present: N. Edwardson, Recording Secretary

Krakow expressed some concerns about Wade Trim having more information as they were local. Krause not comfortable with Lee Grant in the interviewing process. There was a consensus that Grant would excuse himself from this process.

Krakow provided brief introductory comments for the inaugural meeting of the New Urbanism Advisory. Craig read the current mission statement that was drawn up by her and Krakow. This was the first time the other members saw the statement. There was a lengthy discussion of the mission statement with many ideas tossed back and forth.

MOTION BY KRAUSE, SECOND BY CRAIG, that the Mission statement would be “To select a New Urbanism Planner for Acme Township that has knowledge and experience in New Urbanistic Design and sharing the vision within the master plan to prepare an overall master design for Acme Township Urban Center.” Motion carried unanimously.

Krakow would like to adopt Robert Rules of Order but will address this at the next meeting, Monday, October 31, 2005, 9:00 a.m.

Krakow read through the list of names for the Ex-Officio appointments to the committee. Property owners of five parcels of land where included. Margy Goss, 4105 Bay Valley Dr, asked if this is an inclusive list. She asked about Acme Taxpayers for Responsible growth. Ron Reinhold would be a contact person for that. Lively asked if the County planner, and the New Designs For Growth would be interested in being ex-officio participants. Kurtz is very please with the progress this committee has made. Property owners are the key as far as input. Johnson, Smith, Andres and Gokey volunteered to be a part of this. Jim Goss mentioned John Cadwell as possibly being interested. He had been approached a few years back when he was with the Conservation department but was not interested at that time.

We discussed the budget. Rohn talked about airline travel and how much four tickets would cost. Krause has been personally involved all over the country and his expenses where always paid by the company that interviewed. It was suggested that we ask for \$5000.00 for operating expenses for this committee.

Craig said the timeline for completion is set for Monday, December 5, 2005. We are going to apply for a membership to CNU which would be \$500.00 for three individuals for a nonprofit organization.

At the Monday, October 31, 2005, meeting we will draw up the RFP. We would like to have a deadline of November 11, 2005, for receiving the first response to the RFP. We would respond in the order of receiving the requests. We will have packets together which would include aerial photos, site plans. We would narrow the search down to three candidates and then do interviews with them.

Dan Hanna, 7239 Lautner Road, applauds the efforts to get this done but thought we had hired a planner. Maybe there is overkill. Mr. Hanna does believe that this committee will get something done.

Andy Andres, Jr, 4946 E M72, wants to see the big picture so we know where we are going and we don't lose people along the way.

Mrs. Goss wanted to know how this process is any different then with Joel Russell? Krause responed that Joel was a lawyer not a planner. Mrs. Goss also asked if we could be sued again? Krakow said we were a fair and direct committee. We hope the recommendations will be what the board wants. It is a chance we take. Krause said what we are doing now should have happened three years ago. He is very confident that this committee will be successful. Krakow finds this part of the state as a model of what can be done.

Craig thanked everyone for attending with a reminder of the meeting, Monday, October 31, 2005, at 9:00 a.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:05 P.M.