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The Elk Rapids Township Planning Commission Study Session was called to order at 7:00 PM on May 16, 1995, by the chairman, Ned VerHage. Present: Leonard Klein, Felix Casillas, Ned VerHage, Shen Smith, Dorrance Amos, Dick Jobe and Alternate, Carolyn Shah. Absent: John Boals.

Also present was Phil Butler and Len Harrett. A quorum was established.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with a motion by Dick Jobe, 2nd by Felix Casillas.MOTION CARRIED

Phil Butler addressed the Planning Commission regarding the status of the Temporary Use Permit Ordinance. It was indicated that the ordinance had been sent to the County twice for review and currently was awaiting final review and approval by the Township Board. Discussion regarding the ordinance resulted in a reaffirmation by the Planning Commission that the ordinance should be passed by the Township Board as not only one person would be affected by the passage of the ordinance, but many would come under the auspices of the ordinance. It was stated that our community survey indicated that the public wished for more "at home" types of business in the Township. Ned VerHage stated that the Township Supervisor and Attorneys will be contacted to check on the liability question and to urge the passage of the ordinance. The major questions regarding Mr. Butler's proposed temporary usage was his signage and off-street parking problems. The temporary use application form was reviewed.

Zoning Issues - Len Harrett. Mr. Harrett will provide a report to the Planning Commission on May 30th regarding the upcoming public hearings currently scheduled.

Zoning Priority - Felix Casillas. Mr. Casillas outlined several major issues that will need to be addressed by our board in the very near future. An additional meeting will need to be scheduled with John Shockley, ZBA Chairman to review any additional issues that will need attention by the Planning Commission.

Shen Smith stated that Bill White, Township Supervisor has requested that R-2 properties in the Birch Lake area will need to be rezoned to R-1. This rezoning project will assume a top priority position with the Planning Commission.

Master Plan - Maps. After review of the maps with the master plan a list of suggested changes was prepared for review by Don Hamilton. Approve US 31 Corridor Study and the suggested changes to the maps will be submitted to Don Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton has indicated that he will be attending the June 6th meeting to discuss the master plan with the Planning Commission. Leonard Klein will try to obtain a base map of the Township from the County for our use. The US 31 Corridor Study was completed with a sincere thanks to Don Hamilton for a job well done.

Tuesday, May 23rd will be a meeting to finalize the Natural Resource Management Plan. As there was no further business a motion was made by Shen Smith, 2nd by Dorrance Amos to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED

Meeting was adjourned at 9:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shen B. Smith