TOWNSHIP OF ELK RAPIDS
ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD: MARCH, 20, 1980
HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL: ELK RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:35 P.M. BY CHAIRPERSON JAMES MORRISON

MEMBERS PRESENT: JAMES MORRISON, RICHARD GRIBI, KENNETH DECHOW, DIANA FORSTER, BETTY ARNOLD: ROBERT BRUGGER(TOWNSHIP REPRESENTIVE).
OTHER PERSONS PRESENT: VERSIL WHITE(TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR), ROBERT WONACOTT, JOHN ALTONEN, MR. AND MRS. ROBERT FILKINS.

THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING WERE READ BY SECRETARY BETTY ARNOLD.
A MOTION BY KENNETH DECHOW TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS READ. SECOND WAS MADE BY DIANA FORSTER. MOTION CARRIED. THE MINUTES WERE PLACED ON FILE.
THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS.
CHAIRPERSON JAMES MORRISON ASKED FOR ANY NEW BUSINESS.
SECRETARY BETTY ARNOLD READ A LETTER AND THE DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY, IN WHICH ROBERT WONACOTT AND WILLIAM KENNEDY REQUESTED THE PROPERTY BE REZONED FROM R2 TO C1.
LETTER AND DESCRIPTION PLACED ON FILE.
BETTY ARNOLD, SECRETARY REPORTED ALL ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS TO THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION WERE NOTIFIED BY MAIL.
THE MEETING WAS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION.
VERSIL WHITE SAID HIS OPINION WAS, THERE HAD TO BE A USE PLAN PRESENTED AT THE TIME OF A REQUEST FOR REZONING.
JOHN ALTONEN ASKED TO BE ON RECORD ALSO WANTING A USE PLAN BEFORE ANY REZONING BE CONSIDERED.
ROBERT WONACOTT SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT TYPE OF BUSINESS HE WANTED TO PUT ON THE PROPERTY AT THIS TIME. HE ALSO STATED THE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION WAS ALREADY COMMERCIAL; THAT OTHER PROPERTY IN THE AREA HAD BEEN REZONED COMMERCIAL WITHOUT A USE PLAN BEING PRESENTED; THEREFORE OTHERS SHOULD HAVE THE SAME CONSIDERATION.
ROBERT FILKINS WAS VERY ADAMANT IN HIS OPINION THAT ALL THE PROPERTY IN THAT AREA SHOULD BE COMMERCIAL. HE HAD PLANNED TO BUILD A VETERINARY HOSPITAL ON HIS PROPERTY.
ROBERT BRUGGER EXPLAINED WE DID NEED A USE PLAN TO BE ABLE TO REZONE.
SECRETARY BETTY ARNOLD READ A LETTER FROM MR. AND MRS. DONTAS PUNDZEVICIUS STATING THEY WERE IN FAVOR OF THE REZONING OF THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION.
A MOTION WAS MADE BY DIANA FORSTER TO DENY THE REQUEST BY ROBERT WONACOTT AND WILLIAM KENNEDY. THERE WAS NO SECOND. MOTION FAILED.
CHAIRPERSON JAMES MORRISON ASKED IF THERE WAS A MOTION IN FAVOR OF A CHANGE IN THE ZONING. THERE WAS NO MOTION.
KENNETH DECHOW MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE REQUEST UNTIL WE RECEIVE AN ATTORNEY'S OPINION ON WHETHER WE NEED A USE PLAN IN ORDER TO CHANGE THE ZONING. MOTION WAS SECOND BY DIANA FORSTER. MOTION CARRIED.
A SPECIAL MEETING TO BE CALLED AS SOON AS THE BOARD HAS AN OPINION BY AN ATTORNEY.
MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:36 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Betty Arnold

BETTY ARNOLD: SECRETARY