Elk Rapids Township Planning Commission

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October 2, 2001 Revised Writeup

The regular monthly meeting of the Elk Rapids Township Planning Commission was called to order by Co-Chairman, Renee Mischel, at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, October 2, 2001. Absent: Tom Dame. A quorum was established. Also present: Len Harrett, John Engstrom , & Herbert & Linda Brown.

PUBLIC HEARING: - Non-Conforming Structure Upgrade Application from Class "B" to Class "A"
The hearing was opened to the public. No correspondence was received, and no input from the community. The purpose of this hearing is to consider a request from Herbert W. & Linda A. Brown, 2632 Hayes Road, Muir, Michigan 48860, for a Non-Conforming Structure Up-grade from Class "B" to Class "A" for property located at 14904 Williams Road, Elk Rapids, Michigan 49629. Property tax number 05-06-200-004-00. Property owners wish to add a third bedroom to the existing two bedroom structure. A motion was made by Shen Smith, 2nd by Renee Mischel to close the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Renee Mischel, 2nd by Shen Smith to approve the upgrade for the renovation of the existing garage, but no porches or patios on the lakeside of the home to be included in the upgrade. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes of September Meeting: A motion was made by Don Glowicki, 2nd by Jim Lundy to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2001 meeting as published. MOTION CARRIED.

Unfinished Business

GARROW STUDIO: A motion was made by Shen Smith, 2nd by Renee Mischel to Untable the Garrow (Public Hearing Held - 9/11/01). Harry Potter recused himself from this portion of the meeting). Non-Conforming Use Upgrade from April/99Robert L. Garrow, Sherron L. Garrow, and Brian L. Garrow, 11343 Deepwater Point Lane, Rapid City, Michigan [illegible] for property located at Williams Drive, Cairn Highway, and Birch Lake Road. Property Tax #05-06-600-050-00. [illegible] purpose of this public hearing is to consider definition of Item #7 of the "Conditions of Upgrade" of April 30, 1999. currently readingy: " #7: That there shall be no year around use of the studio contained above the garage".

After discussion, a motion was made by Jim Lundy, 2nd by Renee Mischel, to amend the "Conditions of Upgrade of April 30, 1999 - #7: which reads "That there shall be no year around use of the studio contained above the garage" to read - #7: That the only allowed occupancy of the studio contained above the garage be from April 1st thru October 31st of each year." MOTION CARRIED: Y/4 N/0 A/1 R/1

Traverse Brewing Company: Addition information was presented by John Engstrom regarding his requests of the Planning Commission. Chairman Mischel indicated that she would research the question and seek additional information on the issues.

Land Protection/Preservation & Enviromental/Coastal Resources: John Engstrom spoke regarding a request to the Township seeking the creation of a possible PUD for the Cabana Shores area. After discussion, a motion was made by Renee Mischel, 2nd by Shen Smith, to have Gosling/Zubeck take a look at the plat of the subdivision to see if it might be feasible to create a PUD with the intent to preserve as much open space and natural features in the area as possible. Renee appointed Shen Smith to meet with the architects in the near future to discuss the project.

Open Farm Space Resources – no report.

As there was no further business at this time, a motion was made by Tom Dame, 2nd by Don Glowicki to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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