Elk Rapids Township Planning Commission

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Regular Monthly Meeting
April 1st, 1997

The April Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order by the chairman, Ned VerHage at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 1, Present: Felix Casillas, Shen Smith, Ned VerHage & John Ferrari. Absent: Don Glowicki, Dorance Amos and Dick Jobe. A quorum was established.

Minutes: The minutes of March 3, 1997 were tabled until the next meeting.

Noverr Tower Project Plans are currently underway for the Noverr Tower Project to receive site plan reivew for location on the C-Tec Cable property. An application has not been submitted as of this date, but the application forms have been given to the company.

S.O.B. (Sexually Oriented Business) – Discussion regarding securing public input and comments resulted with Shen Smith volunteering to place a notice in the newspaper requesting public comments. A public meeting will be scheduled to follow-up on all input from the public. Felix Casillas volunteered to contact Township Attorneys regarding Milton Township ordinance 96-5 Milton Twp. Also a call will be placed to the Village regarding their ordinance which is currently in place.

Ancient Mariner Dry Docks East, Theodore Veliquette, Jr. Report was received that Mr. Veliquette is vacating the sales office located at Ancient Mariner Dry Docks East following the issuance of a violation notice.

Antrim County Planner – Letter from Peter Garwood, Antrim Co. Planner regarding the proposed amendments garding the Zoning Board of Appeals Section was reviewed. Shen Smith will review this letter with Township Attorneys and Felix Casillas will review the same with the chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Elk Rapids Township Master Plan – Approval of the Master Plan was received from Antrim County. Discussed were the additional items the County felt should be added or corrected in the future. A motion was made by Felix Casillas, 2nd by John Ferrari that all future Master Plan organization/reorganization meetings will be by "special meeting".

US-31 Corridor Zone & Shoreline Protection Zone – Study for the development of these zones will shortly begin by the Planning Commission. An ad-hoc committee was suggested to assist the Planning Commission. Suggested parties being: Terry Hoyt, Jan Worthington and Carolyn Shah. Shen Smith will request assistance with verbage from the Antrim Co. Planning Office for the next meeting.

Lot Split Clarification – John Ferrari reported regarding his discussions with the office of the Antrim Co. Planner and the Register of Deeds office that an official letter should be spent to the Register of Deeds office regarding lot splits, corner lots and cul-du-sac lots. A motion was made by Felix Casillas, 2nd by Shen Smith to authorized John Ferrari to follow through on this issue. MOTION CARRIED.

Maps from Council of Goverments – Maps were reviewed for Antrim and Milton Townships.

New Land Division Ordinance (State of Michigan) – New ordinance was briefly reviewed. Len Harrett will be asked to try and explain this new ordinance to the Planning Commission with how it will impact current zoning ordinances already in place.

Schedule Joint Meeting Between Village Planning & Township Planning - A joint meeting has been discussed but a e has yet to be selected. Call will be made to chairman of Village Planning regarding a convenient date for the meeting. Topic of discussion to be the village limits and township limits and appropriate zoning classifications for these contiguous areas.

As there was no additional business at this time, a motion was made by Shen Smith 2nd by Felix Casillas to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary