TOWNSHIP OF ELK RAPIDS
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ELK RAPIDS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
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The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Elk Rapids Township Planning Commission was called to order by the chairman - Ned VerHage at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, **February 2, 1999**. Present: Ned VerHage, Renee Mischel, Shen Smith, Dorance Amos & Don Glowicki. Absent: Harry Potter & Tom Dame. Also present: Carolyn Shah, Len Harrett, Doug Strang, Mr. & Mrs. Potocki, Mr. & Mrs. Guntzviller, John Archibald and Larry Sullivan.

Minutes of January Meeting. Were not complete at this time and will be available for the March meeting.

Carolyn Shah – Road Re-alignment Project. Carolyn Shah updated the Planning Commission with the latest progress on her proposed road project. A public meeting conducted by the Planning Commission is now scheduled for the regular May 4th meeting. A request for engineered spec drawings for the May meeting was put forth to Carolyn Shah. Carolyn Shah asked for relief from Site Plan Review (page 36) - #2 – existing topography, #3 soil types, and #5 water bodies. A motion was made by Shen Smith, 2nd by Renee Mischel to allow these three items to be excluded from the final site plan. MOTION CARRIED. A request was given to Carolyn Shah for the number of degrees of the turns be shown on the final site plan.

US 31 Corridor – Signage. Doug Strang spoke representing six US-31 corridor businesses regarding citations they have received for improper signage along US 31 Corridor. Mr. Strang requested an ad hoc committee be formed to look at the current sign ordinance and review the ordinance from other townships for a recommendation to the planning commission regarding any proposed amendments they feel might be in order. Dorance Amos volunteered to speak with the planner and the township attorneys regarding this proposal. Don Glowicki indicated that he will speak with the ZBA and the attorneys regarding this proposal to form an ad hoc committee. John Archibald and Voss Guntzviller volunteered to serve on an ad hoc committee. A motion was made by Renee Mischel, 2nd by Don Glowicki that Doug Strang meet with his clients and put together a sample ordinance to be presented to the Planning Commission for review. MOTION CARRIED.

1999-2000 Planning Commission Budget. Renee Mischel, Harry Potter and Don Glowicki met to review the proposed budget for the coming year. A copy of the budget they presented to the Township board was reviewed by the Planning Commission with a couple of adjustment made to the plan. A motion was made by Dorance Amos, 2nd by Renee Mischel to approve the final budget plan. MOTION CARRIED

Planner Report – Larry Sullivan. Discussion regarding creating a "Minor Civil Infraction Ordinance" resulted in Larry Sullivan being asked to review this suggested amendment with the Township attorneys.

Environmental Zone. Discussion regarding rezoning all "E" zones to "A". Negatives of this proposal being the smaller lot sizes in existing "high risk areas" where the "E" zone requires a much larger lot size for residential developments. Shoreline Protection – Larry Sullivan was asked to incorporate findings of the Tip of the Mitt survey into the Shoreline Protection Zone.

As there was no further business at this time, a motion was made by Dorance Amos, 2nd by Renee Mischel to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was adjourned at 10.10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shen B. Smith
Secretary