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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 August 5, 1997, at the Elk Rapids Township Hall, Corner of Spruce and River Streets, Elk Rapids, Mi. Present: Ned VerHage, Felix Casillas, Dick Jobe, John Ferrari, and Shen Smith. Absent: Don Glowicki and Dorance Amos. A quorum was established. Also present was John Shockley, Len Harrett and Mike Turkelson.

Minutes of June 3, 1997 – A motion was made by Felix Casillas, 2nd by John Ferrari to approve these minutes. MOTION CARRIED. Minutes of July 8, 1997 – A motion was made by Shen Smith, 2nd by Felix Casillas to approve these minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Site Condo Ordinance – Discussion regarding the need to create a Site Condo Ordinance. This item will receive a high priority for the Planning Commission.

Private Roads Ordinance – Len Harrett reported that with a few minor changes the private roads ordinance should be ready for public hearing. Copy of text will be ready for approval at the September meeting.

Under Size Lots Committee – A motion was made by Felix Casillas, 2nd by Dick Jobe to appoint Bill White Len Harrett, John Shockley and Ned VerHage as members of this ad hoc committee. MOTION CARRIED

Proposed Alternates to ZBA Amendment – Discussion regarding the adding of alternates to the ZBA ulted in a request to John Shockley, Chairman ZBA to seek input from the other members of the ZBA regarding an increase of two members for the ZBA. The Planning Commission can amend the ordinance increase the ZBA Board from the current five members to seven members. Input will be received from the ZBA.

Wireless Tower Ordinance – A motion was made by Shen Smith, 2nd by Ned VerHage to approve the text the wireless tower ordinance and place it on the agenda for public hearing. MOTION CARRIED.

NPI request for a public hearing was discussed with Len Harrett to meet with the Grand Traverse Land Development Company for a preliminary site plan review. Mike Turkelson volunteered to contact the representatives of NPI indicating that a public hearing could not be scheduled until after the ordinance has passed.

The Planning Commission thanked Felix Casillas and Dick Jobe (out going members) for their service to Township and to the Planning Commission.

As there was no further business at this time, a motion was made by Dick Jobe, 2nd by Felix Casillas to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shen Smith
Secretary