Township of Elk Rapids
Antrim County, Michigan
Elk Rapids Township Planning Commission
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July 21, 1998

A Work Session Meeting of the Elk Rapids Township Planning Commission was held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 21, 1998. Present: Ned VerHage, Shen Smith and John Ferrari. Absent: Don Glowicki, Jr., Dorance Amos, Renee Mischel, and Tom Dame. A quorum was not established. All motions voted on at this meeting will not be confirmed until the approval of these minutes at a meeting where a quorum is present.

Minutes of the last meeting - tabled until the August 4th meeting.

Zoning Ordinance Amendments. A motion was made by Shen Smith, 2nd by John Ferrari to propose the following amendments to the Ordinance:

#1 Chapter XV - Site Plan Review

The following to be deleted from the Ordinance:

Section 15.02 - SCOPE, Paragraph "C" which reads:

"Projects involving the expansion, remodeling or enlargement of existing buildings which comply with all zoning ordinance requirements and involving no new or additional means of access thereto from adjoining public roads or highways."

#2 - ADD Section 11.05 - Uses Permitted by Special Use Permit (Special Exception) to Commercial Zone.

"Section 11.05 the following uses of land and structures may be permitted by the application to the Planning Commission for the issuance of a special use permit (special exception Chapter XVII, Section 17.07) when specified procedures and requirements, as outlined in the article in section cited, are complied with:

1. Open Space Storage provided that all such open space storage shall be screened on all sides by a solid uniformly finished and maintained wooded or masonry wall or fence of durable material, or a well maintained greenbelt, each of which shall be no less in height that the enclosed storage.
2. Outside sales and displays.

MOTION CARRIED

Site Condo Ordinance. Ned VerHage will contact Township Attorney to find out when the proposal will be ready for Planning Commission review.

R-3 Zones. Discussion regarding R-3 zoning in the township resulted in a motion be Shen Smith, 2nd by John Ferrari to undertake the rezoning of the R-3 property along South Bayshore Drive from R-3 to R-1. MOTION CARRIED. The township attorney's will be consulted to start this process.

Elk Lake Video Taping. Ned VerHage will contact Amy Strang to contract for the video taping of the Elk Lake shoreline within the Elk Rapids Township.

Shoreline Protection Overlay Zone. Contract with the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council was reviewed. A final report will be available for the August 4th meeting with Larry Sullivan and the Planning Commission. Elk Rapids Township Board has approved the moratorium for the issuance of building permits while the study and review process is underway.

Ned VerHage announced that the Planning Commission will meet in regular session on the 1st Tuesday of each month and each Tuesday (except the 2nd Tuesday) in work session until the Planning Commission

agenda has been freed up some. Notice of these work session meetings have been posted for public notice.

As there was no further business at this time, a motion was made by Shen Smith, 2nd by John Ferrari to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shen Smith
Secretary