Elk Rapids Township Planning Commission

Elk Rapids Township – Antrim County, Michigan
Shen Smith, Secretary
PO Box 175, Elk Rapids, Michigan 49629
May 4, 1999

The regular meeting on the Elk Rapids Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 4th, 1999, by the chairman Ned VerHage. All planning commission members were in attendance for this meeting. A quorum was established.

Michigan Lake Products – Jack McAvoy. Mr. McAvoy has been cited for outside displays not in the correct location on the property. A sub-committee was created to meet with Mr. McAvoy to discuss his needs and location of displays. Sub-committee to consist of Don Glowicki, and Harry Potter who will meet with Mr. McAvoy and report back to the planning commission.

Graham Non-Conforming Use Upgrade. A motion was made by Shen Smith, 2nd by Ned VerHage to untable the proposed upgrade from the April meeting. MOTION CARRIED. Mr. Graham presented his new sketches for review. After review, a motion was made by Ned VerHage, 2nd by Shen Smith to approve the upgrade from class "B" to class "A" which will allow the Graham's to apply for a variance. MOTION CARRIED with one abstaining.

Informational Public Hearing for a proposed re-alignment of a 1995 foot section of Cairn Highway. The section of Cairn Highway proposed for re-alignment crosses two parcels of property belonging to Carolyn Shah, 7779 Cairn Highway, Elk Rapids, Michigan 49629. Property tax numbers: 05-06-010-021-00 & 05-06-010-014-00 (aka – Wandawood Resort). The distance between the existing centerline and the proposed centerline at its longest point is 223 feet. The difference in travel time between the proposed new section and the existing section is 1.2 seconds. The proposed project will involve no taxpayer dollars.

Carolyn Shah addressed the hearing discussing the radius of the proposed curves in relation to other curves in the Township. She indicated the new curves would be approx. 850' on the proposed re-alignment and that the Elk Lake Road curve is currently 535' in radius.

The hearing was opened to the public for input with a stipulation that each party wishing to speak would be given five minutes. The meeting was taped.

Speaking in favor of the proposed re-alignment:
Joe Godfrey (Cadillac, Michigan), John Boals (Elk Rapids), Bob & Marilyn Boger (Elk Rapids), Charlotte Marks (Elk Rapids), Grayden DeCamp, Elk Rapids, Denise Godfrey (Cadillac, Mi), Dick Koutour (unknown), Dr. Richard Hoadly (Kewadin, Mi.), James Braun (Elk Rapids), Jan Worthington (Elk Rapids), John Shockley (Kewadin), F. Glyinski (unknown), Mark Stone (unknown), Nancy Rankin (unknown), Mrs. Heron (Carolyn Shah's daughter), Ruth Edick (unknown).

Speaking in opposition of the proposed re-alignment:
Glen Chaisson (Elk Rapids), Sam Serrell (Elk Rapids), Mike Humphrey (Elk Rapids), Pat Brady (Elk Rapids), R. Stanfield (Elk Rapids), Leonard Klein (Elk Rapids), Dave Guth (Elk Rapids), Jim Lundy (Elk Rapids), A. Burfiend (Elk Rapids), A. Murphy (unknown), Chris Keenan (Elk Rapids), Chris Weinzapple (Elk Rapids), George Landin (Elk Rapids), Jack Yantz (Elk Rapids), Doug Coates (Elk Rapids), and Mildred Bachi (Elk Rapids).

Speaking to the issue, but neither for/nor against proposed re-alignment:
Eileen Headin (Elk Rapids) & Gary Gretel (Elk Rapids).

A motion was made by Shen Smith, 2nd by Ned VerHage to close the informational hearing. MOTION CARRIED.

Instructions for Planning Commission members were given indicating that each member was to prepare a written statement regarding their personal opinion of the proposed re-alignment and submit these statements directly to the Elk Rapids Township Board. Statements are to be submitted prior to the June Township Board Meeting. A booklet will be prepared for the Township Board including all correspondence received by the Planning Commission on the proposed re-alignment.

Minutes of April Meeting. A motion was made by Renee Mischel, 2nd by Dorance Amos to approve the April minutes as published. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shen B. Smith
Secretary