Elk Rapids Township Planning Commission
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The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Elk Rapids Township Planning Commission was called to order at 6:30 PM on October 3, 2000. Chairing this meeting was Renee Mischel. Present: Don Glowicki, Jr., Tom Dame, Shen Smith, Dorance Amos, Renee Mischel, and Harry Potter. Absent: Jim Lundy. A quorum was established. Also present – John, Sandra, and Brian Altonen, Len Harrett, and Elliott Brown.

Public Hearing: Elliott G. Brown & Saundra A. Brown – Non-Conforming Structure Upgrade From Class "B" to Class "A". A motion was made by Shen Smith, 2nd by Tom Dame to open the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED. The hearing notice was entered into the record to consider a request for a Non-Conforming Structure Class "B" upgrade to Class "A" Non-Conforming Structure in order to build a garage, for property owned by Elliott G. Brown and Saundra A. Brown, 14385 Birch Point Drive, Kewadin, Michigan 49648. Property tax number – 05-06-375-008-00 – Lot #11, Equa-Pold Subdivision, Part of Govt. Lots 4 & 5, Section 3T29N, R9W.

The Zoning Administrator, Len Harrett, presented a report on the property with an opinion that there was nothing unique with this proposal from the adjoining neighborhood. Mr. Brown spoke to the issues of road right-away ownership, which he disputes. Discussion regarding the placement by Mr. Brown of the existing garage on his sketch plan of the property. It was noted that submitted sketch plan was not in accordance with the actual location of the garage. Two letters were presented from neighbors not opposed the upgrade (Hintz & Powers). A motion was made by Renee Mischel, 2nd by Dorance Amos, to close the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion: After discussion a motion was made by Shen Smith, 2nd by Harry Potter that the upgrade would be approved conditional upon: (1) None of the Front Decks will carry an upgrade; and (2) the existing shed must be moved to a proper set-back location. MOTION CARRIED – 6 YES

Altonen PUD ON US 31: After a review of all prior paperwork submitted to the Zoning Administrator from the Altonen family, a motion was made by Dorance Amos, 2nd by Renee Mischel, to continue the yearly extension of the PUD. MOTION CARRIED – 6 YES.

O-J Storage: A letter was presented to the Planning Commission by Brenda Oldebekking (who was then called away from the meeting for an EMT run). The letter formally requested the Elk Rapids Township Planning Commission to allow Mini-Storage Units as an allowed use in the Commercial Zone, and a request for a definition as to what "mini-storage" is. They also request to have a solution worked out in the shortest amount of time. Discussion regarding mini-storage being by "special use permit". A motion was made by Renee Mischel, 2nd by Tom Dame to turn the matter over to Larry Sullivan and Bill Derman for review. MOTION CARRIED – 6 YES.

Minutes of the September Meeting. A motion was made by Tom Dame, 2nd by Dorance Amos, to approve the minutes amended with the word "Regular" for the type of meeting held. MOTION CARRIED – 6 YES.

Amendment Study Group: On the agenda will be public hearing for four proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Funneling – Larry Sullivan has been asked to provide input on lakefront funneling issues. A motion was made by Shen Smith, 2nd by Harry Potter to move modifications to the Enviromental Zone to a low priority on the agendas. MOTION CARRIED – 6 YES.

As there was no further business, a motion was made by Dorance Amos, 2nd by Tom Dame to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Shen B. Smith, Secretary