

APPROVED
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, 7:00 P.M. – APRIL 25, 2017
GOVERNMENT CENTER – 315 BRIDGE ST.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M by CHAIR, WALLY HIBBARD. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.

ROLL CALL: MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Wally Hibbard; Vice-Chair, Royce Ragland; Council Representative; Becky Lancaster, Lauren Dake. (Members Absent: Excused, Richard Smith; Jim Okonoski Barb Mullaly. Also present, Secretary Elaine Glowicki; Steve, Ravezzani, Zoning Administrator; and Citizens.

MOTION by RAGLAND second by LANCASTER to approve as presented the Planning Commission Minutes dated March 28, 2017. All members present voting yes. MOTION CARRIED.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: NONE

CITIZEN COMMENTS: NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

a. CONTINUED DISCUSSION – ALTERNATIVE HOUSING NEEDS IN THE VILLAGE OF ELK RAPIDS:

At the January, February, March Planning Meetings Zoning Administrator Ravezzani has been submitting information to the commission members regarding ADU's. The members have been discussing the need for new housing alternatives that respect the look and scale of single-family neighborhoods. One such alternative is an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU). **ADU's are not to be used for short term rentals.**

Zoning Administrator Ravezzani stated at this time ADU's are not allowed in the Village of Elk Rapids. The Planning Commission would like to know what Village residents, property owners, and those who work in the Village think about allowing ADU's in the Village and would like to invite the residents to participate in a community -wide survey to give their opinions about this important issue.

Ravezzani submitted a fourth draft to the members for their consideration regarding alternative housing. The members supported Ravezzani's draft with some changes. Ravezzani was asked to present an amended copy of this draft at the May Planning Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Election of Planning Commission Chair:**

MOTION by LANCASTER second by RAGLAND to elect Wallace Hibbard to the position of Chairman of the Planning Commission for a term ending 2020. All members present voting yes. Motion Carried.

- **Election of Planning Commission Vice-Chair:**

MOTION by LANCASTER second by DAKE to elect Royce Ragland to the position of Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission for a term ending 2020. All members present voting yes.

REAPPOINTMENT:

- Planning Member, Lauren Dake, was reappointed as Planning Member Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion to approve. All members voting yes.

REPORTS:

Planning & Zoning Administrator, Steve Ravezzani presented March 31, 2017 monthly report and the following activities.

- The Planning Commission continues review of the new Public Act 261 - Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act.
- Planning and Zoning Administrator continues the review of the Village of Elk Rapids Code of Ordinances recommending changes that would update the current Code in accordance with State Statute and provide a more user friendly document.

ZBA Representative, Lauren Dake

- ZBA held their regular meeting on April 20, 2017 where they elected Myrna Howse Chair, and Mike Szymanski, Vice-Chair.

Planning Member, Royce Ragland commented on ER Calendar of Events.

NEXT PLANNING MEETING: MAY 23, 2017

ADJOURNMENT:7:57 p.m. Elaine Glowicki, Recording Secretary