

Meeting Minutes of the Elk Rapids Housing Commission

November 20, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Elk Rapids Housing Commission was called to order by President Myrna Howse in the Community Room of the Noble Pines Apartment Building, 701 Chippewa Street, Elk Rapids, Michigan at 3:30 P.M. President Howse then led all participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present: Myrna Howse, Marilyn Leix, Marilyn Sinclair, and Margaret VanDenBerge. Judy Standerfer was excused.

Staff: Tony Lentych, Executive Director, and Henry Webb, Maintenance.

Others/Guests: Elaine Glowicki, Elk Rapids Village Council

Public/Residents: Four Noble Pines Residents.

II APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner VanDenBerge moved (Leix support) to accept the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner VanDenBerge moved (Sinclair support) to accept the meeting minutes of October 16, 2018. A typo on page two was corrected. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV APPROVAL OF BILLS

Commissioner VanDenBerge moved (Leix support) to approve the bills paid from October 16, 2018 until November 19, 2018. There was also a brief review of a letter from our auditor during the discussion.

Roll Call

Leix	Yes
Howse	Yes
Sinclair	Yes
VanDenBerge	Yes

The motion was unanimously approved.

V PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VI OLD BUSINESS

A. The Noble Pines Occupancy Report was given by staff and all units are filled. The "wait list" currently has six (6) names on it. This equates a wait of well over one year.

B. Henry Webb gave the Noble Pines Maintenance Report. He is "waiting for the snow".

- C. Staff presented a memorandum to the Commission that provided an update on the on-going relationship between ERHC and TCHC. There was a question about the RAD (Rental Assistance Demonstration Program) and staff shared the idea behind the program. There was a lengthy discussion about the “capital needs” of Noble Pines and how RAD would be a way to address that. It was the general consensus that the Commission wants to get better informed about this program but that it, “sounds as if we should go for it.”

There was also a conversation about the State of Michigan’s new Marijuana initiative that was adopted by the voters earlier this month. It was noted that this initiative is still “in conflict” with Federal Laws and that Federal Rules and Regulations take precedence on the property for now. Otherwise, the Federal Subsidies for individual or the overall program could be in danger.

- D. Commission President Myrna House officially welcomed newly-elected Village Trustee Elaine Glowicki to the meeting and she gave a report from the Village Council. The Library Ordinance was tabled until December as was the telecommunications item. There was a review of ethics presentation from the Village’s attorney. The Village is preparing for some “strategic planning” for its zoning department due to some impending retirements.
- E. Staff reported on the maintenance agreement. Henry Webb is still satisfied with his employment and will continue for the time being. TCHC is ready to step in when needed. There was a question about the Newsletter and staff explained why it is in the packet every month.

VII NEW BUSINESS

- A. Staff presented the final draft of the Noble Pines Community Room Policy. After discussion, Commissioner Leix (VanDenBerge Support) to table the item until more input from residents is sought and considered. The motion was unanimously approved. Staff will bring the item to the Commission next month for further consideration.
- B. Staff introduced a Resolution of Appreciation for Larry Ball. Commissioner VanDenBerge moved (Sinclair support) to adopt the following Resolution:

The Elk Rapids Housing Commission honors and appreciates the commitment of time and effort of Mr. Larry Ball. His quiet leadership and boundless support of the mission of ERHC to provide safe, decent, affordable housing to this community will truly be missed, and the ERHC wishes him much peace and success in his ‘retirement’ or other future endeavors.

Roll Call

VanDenBerge	Yes
Sinclair	Yes
Howse	Yes
Leix	Yes

The resolution was unanimously approved. It will be recorded as Resolution No. 2018-10.

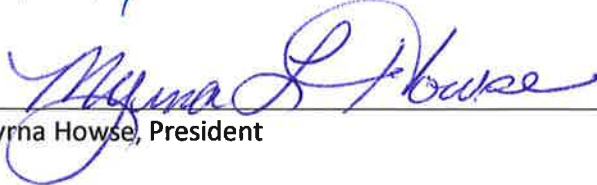
VIII ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner VanDenBerge moved (Leix support) to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved and Commissioner Howse closed the meeting at 4:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Lentych, Executive Director



Myrna Howse, President