

**Elk Rapids Township Planning Commission**  
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**May 2, 2006**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Elk Rapids Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman, Emile Sabty, on Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at 6:35 PM, at the Government Center, 315 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids, MI. Present: Emile Sabty, Don Glowicki, Jr., Shen Smith, Wm. Larson, & Brian Altonen. Absent: Jim Lundy & Renee Mischel. A quorum was established. Also Present: Len Harrett, Brian Wegener, and Patrick Brady.

**Minutes:** The minutes of April 4, 2006 meeting were reviewed with Wm Larson indicating that his idea for Elk Lake Road was for more than Elk Lake Road being a scenic corridor highway. A motion was made by Emile Sabty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Altonen, to approve the April minutes with the addition of “Corridor Planning” added.  
**MOTION CARRIED: Y-5 N-0**

**Public Forum:** No input from the public was received.

**Altonen Commercial/Residential PD:** A request was received from John & Sandra Altonen to renew their PD project. It was noted that in February/2006 the residential portion of the currently approved PD project was transferred into different ownership. A motion was made by Emile Sabty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Glowicki, Jr. to table any action on the Altonen request for renewal until the next meeting. **MOTION CARRIED: Y-4. N-0, Abstain – Brian Altonen.**

**Site Plan Review Modification** hearing was opened to the public on Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at 6:30 PM, Elk Rapids Government Building, 315 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids, Mi. 49629, to consider proposed additions & modifications to the existing site plan covering an existing wireless communication antenna & associated equipment shelter owned by **C.C. Michigan, LLC (Charter Communications)** of 12405 Bowers Court Drive, St. Louis, Mo. 63131, and located at 16155 Wanigan Drive, Elk Rapids, Michigan 49629 - Property Tax Number – 05-06-029-008-10. The C.C. Michigan, LLC proposed modification request is to co-locate twelve (12) Verizon Wireless antennas upon the existing antenna tower to be placed at the 140’ height, and to add a new ground equipment shelter of 12’ x 26’ – one story. As there was no public input or comment, the hearing was closed to the public.

Discussion: Len Harrett, Zoning Administrator indicated that a semi-trailer currently located on the property needs to be removed from the property. A consensus of the Planning Commission being that the color of the proposed building must be a neutral color i.e. beige/grey, and that the lighting would be no greater than a 150 W and shielded downward. A motion was made by Don Glowicki, Jr., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wm. Larson to approve the modified tower site plan, the supporting documents, and with conditions of lightening restrictions of no more than 150w and with a shielded down fixture, that the building color will be neutral in color, and requiring the removal of the semi-trailer from the property. **MOTION CARRIED: Y-5, N-0.**

**Planning Commission Zoning Application Form:** Two Roman numeral sections need to be changed on the Zoning Application form currently on the Township website.

**MASTER PLAN REVIEW:** Photographs for the master plan are needed for review. Dana Vannoy, area professional photographer will be contacted to submit photos of Elk Rapids Township for review. Memo of 4/21/2006 was discussed up to Pg 17. Consensus was to delete the entire Pg 11 – Future Land Use, specifically paragraphs 1 & 2 from the submitted text. Building permit issuance numbers since the previous census do not warrant major restriction or changes in normal farm operations and agricultural uses.  
**Master Pan Review - June Meeting** - Pages 17 – 29 of the proposed text will be studied and reviewed for the June meeting.

As there was no further business at this time, a motion was made by Shen Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Glowicki, Jr, to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED: Y/5, N/0.** Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shen Smith  
Secretary