

Village of Elk Rapids Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2021 at 7 P.M.
Held in person at 315 Bridge St, Elk Rapids, MI 49629

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Royce Ragland
 - a. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Ragland.
 - b. **ROLL CALL:**
Commissioners Present: Royce Ragland, Julie Farrell, Barb Mullaly, Wally Hibbard, Kim Ranger, Dave Lein
Absent: Matt Conrad
Staff Present: Planning & Zoning Administrator Kerri Esterley and Village Manager Bryan Gruesbeck
Citizens Present: 6
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **Motion:** Lein **Second:** Ranger to accept August 24th, 2021 agenda. By unanimous consent, **Motion carried.**
3. **MINUTES:** **Motion:** Mullaly **Second:** Lein to accept July 27th, 2021 minutes. By unanimous consent, **Motion carried.**
4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None.
5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Two citizens spoke
6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** None.
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Review of Ordinance #504 Storage of Recreational Vehicles and/or Recreational Units. A second draft was presented to the commission for review. 7 citizens spoke at multiple times during the review. Commission decided to keep working on the ordinance at the September meeting. A discussion on creating a brochure for residents, “Are You Storing Your RV Correctly?” be created and handed out and posted in/on news sources.
8. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Joint Meeting with Township:** Commission would ask the Township planning commission to meet in October instead of September so the Village commission could finish the RV ordinance.
 - b. **Environmental Ordinances:** Commission Chair is going to ask Keith Schneider (ASAP – American Society of Adaptation Professionals) if available to speak. This would be to discuss the term “climate haven” as work on ordinances is done to match the changing climate.

9. REPORTS:

- a. **Staff** – Kerri Esterley reported that still receiving a lot of good questions, simple permits and it has been quiet on the education front. Reported that the Treasurer position has been posted.
- b. **Planning Commission Chair** – Royce Ragland spoke of incorporating 13 Ways project into the next version of Master Plan
- c. **Village Council Representative** – Barb Mullaly reported that the solar power project was in review, the Trail Town Alliance updated the Council at the last meeting and Village has reached its cap for STRB.

10. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

11. CALENDAR REVIEW: The next scheduled Planning Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in person on Tuesday, September 27, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. at the Government Center located at 315 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids, Michigan.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Hibbard **Second:** Ranger. By unanimous consent, **Motion Carried.**