Vergennes Township
Planning Commission Special Meeting
July 20, 1998

Chairman Gillett opened the meeting at 6:35. Present were Howard, Pedley, Pfaller, Dalga.

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:38. Gillett explained the two issues; 1) a language change (attachment to these minutes) to Section 201.602, Permits for erection or altercation of buildings and structures, suggested by the township attorney, and 2) allowing child care facilities, doctor and dentist offices in the R-1 and R-A districts as Special Exception Uses.

There was no comment on the language change. The following residents offered comment on the child care facility issue:

Jim Nikodemski - commented on sewer capacity issues around Murray Lake - also concerned about the volume of traffic on Lally Rd.   Had noticed the Consumers Energy transformer near the proposed site, and wondered if it was installed for the proposed facility. He also presented a petition, which is attached to these minutes.

Jane Anible - worried about the affect on the rural environment.

Cindy Sweetmen - asked about medical clinics and doctors/dentists offices - why are we looking at adding these also? She stated that the applicant (Kropf) has 2500 acres of land and wondered if there weren't someplace else they could erect a child care facility.

Terry Conley - Noted that in the Master Plan, R-2 and R-3 have been designated as the areas for these uses. He would like to see the rural atmosphere stay the way it is. Sees a change as a step away from this.

The commissioners explained the procedure for obtaining a Special Exception Use Permit to the attendees. Gillett then closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting at 6:55.

Gillett motioned to recommend adoption of the amendments to Section 201.602 as attached, and to table the issue of child care, medical and dental facilities as Special Exception Uses in the R-A and R-1 Districts for further discussion at the August 3, 1998 regular meeting. Pfaller seconded, and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05

Mari Stone, Recorder