

## **Arlene Bell Rampson**

**WHEREAS,** Arlene and Richard Rampson moved to Avon Township in 1959, where they raised their family and became increasingly involved in their community; and

WHEREAS, appointed by Township Supervisor Harold Pepper in November 1970, Arlene was the first woman to serve on the Avon Township Planning Commission, where she continued to serve through June 1981; and

WHEREAS, meanwhile, Arlene enrolled in Oakland University's legal assistant program, earned her diploma in 1980 and worked as a paralegal. She continued her studies and received a B.A. in Political Science in 1984; and

WHEREAS, in 1984 Township Supervisor Earl Borden appointed Arlene to the Planning Commission, which then became the Rochester Hills Planning Commission when the City of Rochester Hills was established on November 20, 1984; and

WHEREAS, Arlene was reappointed to the Planning Commission by Mayor Earl Borden in 1985, reappointed again by Mayor Billie Ireland in 1987, and served on the Planning Commission through March 31, 1990; and

WHEREAS, Arlene also served on the Rochester Hills Zoning Board of Appeals (Chair), Rochester Hills Recreation Committee, Avon Township Senior Citizen Housing Committee, Avon Township Bike Path Advisory Committee, Avon-Rochester Consolidation Committee and the Avon Township Second Charter Commission (Secretary); and

WHEREAS, Arlene stands out as a pioneer for women in local government who dedicated herself to two decades of civic service, lending her talents and perspective to several committees and boards, most notably the Planning Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Bryan K. Barnett, Mayor of Rochester Hills, hereby recognize and thank Arlene Bell Rampson for her valuable input on the Planning Commission and her commitment to the betterment of Avon Township and the City of Rochester Hills.



In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused my Seal to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021, in the City of Rochester Hills, Michigan

Bryan K. Barnett, Mayor City of Rochester Hills