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ALMONT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the Almont Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairperson Steve Francis at the Almont Township /Village Hall, 817/819 N. Main Street, Almont, Michigan 48003. Roll call was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brad Bletch, Rick Dodge, Steve Francis, , Mark Lauwers, Kim Streeter, Jesse Thompson, and Bryan Zender. Also present were Scott Kree and Caitlyn McGoldrick from ROWE Professionals.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cory Mabery, PE, Davis Land Surveying & Engineering – excused.

ALSO PRESENT: 0 guests

CORRESPONDENCE: Presented

MINUTES: MOVED BY STREETER AND SUPPORTED BY ZENDER TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 14, 2016 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: N/A

LATE AGENDA ITEM: N/A

INTRODUCTION: Chairman Francis asked all members to introduce themselves and give a short synopsis of their background.

PUBLIC HEARING: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Open Meetings Resolution – Meetings of the Almont Township Planning Commission shall be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

MOVED BY STREETER AND SUPPORTED BY LAUWERS TO APPROVED RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED.

ROLL CALL VOTE: STREETER – YES; LAUWERS – YES; THOMPSON – YES; DODGE – YES; BLETCH – YES; ZENDER – YES; FRANCIS – YES. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

2. Elections: Moved by Streeter and supported by Zender to nominate Francis as Chairperson. Nomination accepted. As no further nominations were offered, nominations closed.

MOVED BY ZENDER AND SUPPORTED BY LAUWERS TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND UNANIMOUSLY ELECT FRANCIS AS CHAIRPERSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Streeter and supported by Lauwers to nominate Zender as Vice-Chairperson. Nomination accepted. As no further nominations were offered, nominations were closed.

MOVED BY LAUWERS AND SUPPORTED BY DODGE TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND UNANIMOUSLY ELECT ZENDER AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Streeter and supported by Lauwers to nominate Dodge as Planning Commission Secretary. Nomination accepted.

Moved by Zender to nominate Thompson as Planning Commission Secretary. Nomination declined. As no further nominations were offered, nominations closed.

MOVED BY LAUWERS AND SUPPORTED BY THOMPSON TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS AND UNANIMOUSLY ELECT DODGE AS PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Streeter to appoint Bletch to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Nomination accepted.

Moved by Zender to appoint Dodge to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Nomination accepted.

As no further nominations were offered, nominations were closed.

Vote taken: Bletch – 4 & Dodge 3. Bletch appointed as Planning Commission representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. Review draft amendments

Caitlyn McGoldrick from ROWE Professionals went over the proposed amendments to Nonconforming Uses (Draft 1), Class A & B for Nonconforming Uses and Structures, Table of Use of Zoning Use Requirements (Draft 2), and Table of Dimensional Requirements. Suggestions were made to either accept in whole, part or to not accept part of or the whole. It was agreed that Class A & B for Nonconforming Uses or Structures not be considered in its entirety.

2 Proposed amendments to Section 2.031 – Medical Marijuana

Planner Scott Kree briefly went through Section 2.031 of Almont Townships Medical Marijuana ordinance and the newly adopted laws governing the allowing of medical marijuana dispensaries, medibles, large scale medical marijuana growing, processing, testing and delivery operations. (PA281, 282, and 283). As this is a new law, the consensus of the Commissioners agreed that more information and direction from the Township Board is required before they begin to spend time on this subject.

3. Proposed “solar farms”. Catilyn noted that Rowe had provided a few sample ordinances for the Commissioners to review. This is a subject that can be reviewed at the next meeting.

Reports:

Planner: The 2016 Annual Report was submitted.

Engineer – N/A

Zoning Board of Appeals – N/A

Zoning & Building Department – verbal report given

Planning Commission – General Comments: Training for all boards was discussed. Commissioner Streeter stated she would ask the Township Supervisor about the possibility of holding training classes with Rowe Professional. Questions were asked regarding a property that was for sale off Van Dyke. If the property was sold it was suggested that inquires be made to the Assessor.

Proposed Agenda - The February 08, 2017 meeting may be cancelled if no new applications are submitted.

MOVED BY LAUWERS AND SUPPORTED BY DODGE TO ADJOURN AT 8:57 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Recording Secretary

