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ALMONT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING APRIL 10, 2013

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Francis, Jean Gross, Fred Hunter, Mark Lauwers, Kim Streeter, Clay Stroup, and Bryan Zender. Also present: Chris McLeod of Community Planning & Management, PC.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: 2 guests

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was presented.

MINUTES: MOVED BY STREETER AND SUPPORTED BY ZENDER TO RECEIVE THE MARCH 13, 2013 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None offered.

LATE AGENDA ITEMS: N/A.

INTRODUCTIONS: N/A

PUBLIC HEARING: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: Chairman Francis noted that the Zoning Ordinance does not cover "composting" in either the residential or commercial or industrial districts and asked if this matter needs to be addressed in the zoning ordinance. Consensus of the commissioners agreed that composting would need to be addressed if it were a commercial operation, but was cautious about setting too many restrictions in the residential districts. Mr. McLeod was asked to research this subject for discussion at the next planning commission meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:: #1. Review Master Plan

Planner Chris McLeod updated the Commissioners on section 7 -Thoroughfare & Community Facilities Plan. Discussion was held on a making a few minor changes. **MOVED BY LAUWERS AND SUPPORTED BY ZENDER TO RECOMMEND THAT THE MASTER PLAN BE FORWARDED TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD FOR THEIR REVIEW AND APPROVAL SUBJECT TO THE PLANNER MAKING THE MINOR CHANGES AS DISCUSSED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OLD BUSINESS:: #2. Nova Metal Paving Project

Copies of the updated revisions were given to the Commissioners for information only. Engineer Cory Mabery will proceed with administratively over seeing the project on behalf of the Township. 99 % of project lies within MDOT's right-of-way.

REPORTS:

Planner: None submitted.

Engineer: None submitted.

Zoning Board of Appeals: None submitted.

Master Plan Committee Report: None submitted. Committee was dissolved with thanks by Chairman Francis.

Zoning & Building: None submitted.

General Comments: Planner McLeod and Chairman Francis updated the Commissioners on a preliminary meeting that was held between Jim Novak, Engineer Cory Mabery, Township Supervisor Bowman, Zoning Administrator Lloyd, and themselves regarding a proposed waste transfer/recycling center at Mr. Novak's present business location 3620 Van Dyke. Mr. Novak will need to seek special land use approval for the proposed operation.

Trustee/Commissioner Streeter noted that the Fire Department will be holding a CPR class on April 24th. The cost of the class is \$10.00. Trustee/Commissioner Streeter also noted that the Township Board will be holding a budget workshop prior to their next meeting.

Proposed Agenda: Discussion was held on whether to hold a meeting in May. Consensus of the Commissioners agreed that the May meeting may be canceled if there were no new agenda items to be addressed by the Planning Commission.

MOVED BY STREETER AND SUPPORTED BY LAUWERS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:53 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by,



Ida L. Lloyd, Recording Secretary