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ALMONT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 11, 2012

The regular meeting of the Almont Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Chairman Francis, at the Almont Township Hall, 819 N. Main Street, Almont, Michigan. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Francis, Jean Gross, Mark Lauwers, Kim Streeter, Dennis Sweers, and Bryan Zender. Also present: Brian Wilson of Community Planning & Management, PC.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Fred Hunter (excused absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Approx. 15 guests

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was presented.

MINUTES: MOVED BY STREETER AND SUPPORTED BY LAUWERS TO RECEIVE THE DECEMBER 14, 2011 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None offered.

LATE AGENDA ITEMS: N/A.

INTRODUCTIONS: N/A

PUBLIC HEARING: N/A

OLD BUSINESS: 1. Review Article 2, Section 2.21 – Signs

Mr. Wilson asked that he be given some flexibility with making changes to streamline the sign ordinance. He noted that by doing so he could simplify the ordinance and make it easier to understand. Consensus of Commissioners agreed to have Planner note proposed amendments and have them ready for review at the February meeting.

Members of the audience, who own or lease commercial properties asked the Commission to consider making changes that would allow for more square footage on multi-tenant signs and to allow more than one color on LED –Digital signs. The Township presently allows only amber. Also to be considered is reducing the setback for placement of signs out of the road-right-of-way and to review the height of pylon signs.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Open Meetings Resolution

PURSUANT TO PUBLIC ACT 267 OF 1976, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MEETING OF THE ALMONT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION SHALL BE HELD ON THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00PM. MOVED BY STREETER AND SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: STREETER - YES, SWEERS - YES, ZENDER - YES, GROSS - YES, LAUWERS - YES, FRANCIS - YES, HUNTER - ABSENT. RESOLUTION APPROVED.

2. 2012 ELECTIONS

MOVED BY LAUWERS AND SUPPORTED BY ZENDER TO NOMINATE AND ELECT STEVE FRANCIS AS CHAIRPERSON, KIM STREETER AS VICE-CHAIRPERSON AND JEAN GROSS AS SECRETARY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS:

Planner: Mr. Wilson presented a verbal update on the Master Plan Committee meeting between Village and Township pc members. The Village Planning Commission requires more time to finalize their plan, therefore the Township, though ready, may have to wait a bit before a joint document can be recommended to the Village Council and Township Board.

Engineer: None submitted.

Zoning Board of Appeal: None submitted.

Zoning & Building: December 2011 Building & Zoning report was submitted along with the 2011 Annual Report.

General Comments: February agenda items were discussed

Proposed Agenda: February 8, 2012

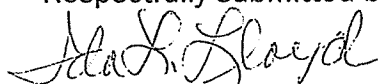
Public Hearing: Amendments to Article 2, section 2.02.4 & Submission Requirements

Old Business: Proposed amendments to Article 2, Section 2.21- Sign

Planner's Report: 2011 Annual

MOVED BY SWEERS AND SUPPORTED BY ZENDER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:25 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by,



Ida L. Lloyd, Recording Secretary