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ALMONT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 9, 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, Mark Lauwers, Kim Streeter, and Bryan Zender. Also present: Brian Wilson of Community Planning & Management, PC.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hunter and Stroup

ALSO PRESENT: 3 guests

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was presented.

MINUTES: MOVED BY ZENDER AND SUPPORTED BY LAUWERS TO RECEIVE THE OCTOBER 11, 2012 MINUTES AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None offered.

LATE AGENDA ITEMS: N/A.

INTRODUCTIONS: N/A

PUBLIC HEARING: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: 1. OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION

MOVED BY STREETER AND SUPPORTED BY GROSS TO ACCEPT THE OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

2. MARTIN COLBY – MINIMAL CHANGES TO EXISTING SITE (7280 Burgett Drive) – PURSUANT TO SECTION 4.02.2.

Mr. Martin Colby owner of 7280 Burgett Drive was present to explain that he had constructed a 12' x 18' shed and secured it onto a concrete slab. The shed is for display purposes as it shows the different sidings, windows, doors, etc. that one can have custom built. There is also electrical service to the shed. Pursuant to section 105 of the 2009 Michigan Building permits are required for both the building structure and the electrical service to the shed.

Discussion was held on section 4.02.2 of Almont Township's Zoning Ordinance where the planning commission can waive the site plan submission requirements and approve a proposal when the proposed building or site change is minimal.

#2 MARTIN COLBY – MINIMAL CHANGES TO EXISTING SITE (7280 Burgett Drive)
– PURSUANT TO SECTION 4.02.2.

MOVED BY GROSS AND SUPPORTED BY LAUWERS THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 4.02.2 OF ALMONT TOWNSHIP'S ZONING ORDINANCE THE 12' X 18' SHED AS CONSTRUCTED ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS 7280 BURGETT DRIVE BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED PROVIDING THAT THE PROPER PERMITS FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT BE APPLIED FOR AND SECURED. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. APPLE VALLEY AUTO

All easements have been properly recorded at Lapeer County's Register of Deeds. Consensus of the Planning Commissioners agreed to abide by the October motion and grant Apple Valley Auto until May 8, 2013 whereby the Planning Commissioners will review the progress made on the site.

#2. Review Master Plan

Consensus of the Commissioners present agreed to table reviewing the revised joint Master Plan until the February 13th meeting. The joint public hearing between the Village of Almont and the Township of Almont is tentatively scheduled for June 2013.

ELECTIONS:

MOVED BY STREETER AND SUPPORTED BY GROSS TO ELECT STEVE FRANCIS TO THE POSITION OF CHAIRMAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY GROSS, AND SUPPORTED BY LAUWERS TO ELECT KIM STREETER TO THE POSITION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY ZENDER AND SUPPORTED BY STREETER TO ELECT JEAN GROSS TO THE POSITION OF SECRETARY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY GROSS AND SUPPORTED BY LAUWERS TO ELECT CLAY STROUP AS THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

REPORTS:

Planner: Mr. Wilson noted that due to accepting a planning position for another community in another state, this would be his last meeting here in Almont Township. The Commissioners wished Mr. Wilson well and thanked him for his past services to the community. Mr. Patrick Meagher and Mr. Chris McLeod from Community Planning & Management, PC will be filling in when needed.

Reports Continued:

Engineer: None submitted.

Zoning Board of Appeals: None submitted.

Master Plan Committee Report: The Park Board has submitted a Parks and Recreational plan. Copies were provided for review to the Planning Commissioners.

Zoning & Building: November Report was submitted.

General Comments: Consensus of the Commissioners agreed that only approved minutes from their meetings will be published on the Township's website.

Proposed Agenda: February 13, 2013 – Review of amended Master Plan

MOVED BY LAUWERS AND SUPPORTED BY ZENDER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:42 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by,



Ida L. Lloyd, Recording Secretary