

# Almont Township

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## **ALMONT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

**June 9, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Almont Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:07 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, Fred Hunter, Mark Lauwers, Kim Streeter, and Dennis Sweers. Also present: Brian Wilson of Community Planning & Management, P.C.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bryan Zender arrived at 7:32 P.M.

**ALSO PRESENT:** 3 guests

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Correspondence was presented.

**MINUTES:** MOVED BY STREETER AND SUPPORTED BY GROSS TO ACCEPT THE MAY 12, 2010 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** N/A.

**LATE AGENDA ITEMS:** N/A

**INTRODUCTIONS:** N/A

**PUBLIC HEARING:** N/A

**OLD BUSINESS:** N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:** #1. Proposed Medical Marijuana Ordinance

Chairman Francis noted for the public that the topic of medical marijuana was for open discussion only as this subject was brought to the forefront by the approval of a dispensary in the Village of Dryden and the pre-application that was submitted by Mr. Al Kargula for use within the Township of Almont. Chairman Francis also noted that the Township Board had placed a moratorium on medical marijuana for up to a year.

Chairman Francis asked Mr. Kargula to explain his position and to explain what a dispensary is allowed to do.

Proposed Medical Marijuana Ordinance Continued:

Mr. Kargula noted that as a registered primary caregiver he is allowed to acquire 2.5 ounces of processed marijuana and grow up to 12 marijuana plants per qualifying patient. As a primary caregiver he may have no more than five (5) qualified patients at any given time. Each of his patients must be registered with the Michigan Marijuana Medical Program and he must receive from the MMMP a registry identification card for each of his five patients.

Mr. Kargula noted that a patient may smoke or ingest the product through various means. Mr. Kargula noted that if approved he would sell food products that have marijuana in them to registered patients. Mr. Kargula also stated that he does not want patients to medicate (administer) on his property but to be able to purchase and then leave the premises.

Mr. Kargula concluded by stating that he would like to work with the Township to develop a fair and controlled environment for medical marijuana dispensaries.

Discussion followed with Mr. Kargula on what the law allows and doesn't allow. As there were more questions than answers the Commissioners acknowledged that more information was needed before they could decide on how to draft an ordinance that would cover all of their concerns.

#2. Proposed Adult Entertainment Ordinance.

Mr. Wilson reviewed his proposed ordinance noting that he had broken the subject up into two (2) different categories. Discussion followed.

Commissioners noted that pawnbrokers, tattoo parlors, used goods, check cashing and buy/sell gold operations should be broken out of the proposed ordinance and placed elsewhere. Commissioners agreed that more discussion and information was needed.

#3. Township Initiated Policy/Procedure

Consensus of Commissioners agreed that they liked the new pre-application form.

REPORTS:

Planner: N/A

Engineer: N/A

Zoning Board of Appeals: N/A

Zoning & Building: May Building & Zoning Report was submitted. Also discussed was that a reminder needed to be mailed to Novak Supplies regarding paving the customer parking area. The customer parking area needs to be completed by July 31, 2010.

General Comments: The letter to Blake's Almont Farm was discussed. Supervisor Bowman is following up with the owners as to site compliance.

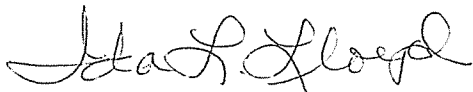
Proposed Agenda: July 14, 2010

Public Hearing: Apple Valley Auto (contingent upon reviews)

Old Business: Medical marijuana Ordinance  
Adult Entertainment Ordinance

MOVED BY LAUWERS AND SUPPORTED BY ZENDER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT  
9:38 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by,



Ida L. Lloyd, Recording Secretary