

## ALMONT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

May 9, 2012

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, Dennis Sweers, and Bryan Zender. Also present: Brian Wilson of Community Planning & Management, PC.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hunter

ALSO PRESENT: 4 guests

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was presented.

MINUTES: MOVED BY STREETER AND SUPPORTED BY ZENDER TO RECEIVE THE APRIL 11, 2012 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

Chairman Francis asked each Commissioner to comment on the proposed amendments to the sign provisions now that it was placed in a draft form. Discussion was held on the proposed draft noting some sections where the language could be better clarified and deleting some previous sections due to the current proposed agreed upon changes. Supervisor Bowman's email comments (see attachment) were discussed and based on said comments proposed changes to the draft were considered.

One of the major changes to the sign ordinance is that the Township's "Zoning Administrator shall review the application and supporting documentation... and any other pertinent information and determine the level of review/approval required." regarding the re-facing of existing compliant sign frames and the erection of any wall signs. The Planning Commission will review for approval all newly constructed ground signs and any modifications to existing ground signs.

1. Review Article 2, Section 2.21 – Signs

After lengthy discussion Mr. Wilson was asked to submit a corrected draft by the next meeting for Planning Commission review.

2. Review Master Plan

Mr. Wilson noted that he was still working on the mapping, physical characteristics and the existing zoning of the Township.

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

REPORTS:

Planner: None submitted

Engineer: None submitted.

Zoning Board of Appeals: None submitted.

Master Plan Committee Report: Commissioner Streeter noted that the Village survey was briefly discussed and it was found that the discussions so far held in committee appeared to be consistent with the survey results. Village Manager Turner noted that the Village will also have the aid of an intern this summer to help them with the Master Plan. The committee will meet again in August.

Zoning & Building: April 2012 Building & Zoning Report was submitted.

General Comments: Due to a light agenda, it was decided to cancel the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and meet again on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Proposed Agenda: July 11, 2012

Old Business: Proposed amendments to Article 2, Section 2.21- Signs  
Master Plan  
Possible Site Plan Review

MOVED BY SWEERS AND SUPPORTED BY LAUWERS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:15 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by,



Ida L. Lloyd, Recording Secretary