

# Almont Township

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## ALMONT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

**November 10, 2010**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** 5 guests

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Correspondence was presented.

**MINUTES:** MOVED BY ZENDER AND SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER 13, 2010 MINUTES AS CORRECTED. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** N/A.

**LATE AGENDA ITEMS:** N/A

**INTRODUCTIONS:** N/A

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** #1. Proposed Medical Marihuana Ordinance (Section 2.31) & Section 21.00 - Definitions

Chairman Francis asked Mr. Wilson to explain the changes to the draft ordinance. Mr. Wilson noted that all the underlined sections were the changes that were discussed at the October meeting. Included were an Intent Section (A), and under Section C - Registered Primary Caregiver, Mr. Wilson noted the changes to subsections 1, 2, 3, 6, 12, and 13.

Discussion followed on whether or not the Township should require the registration of the location of the subject activity by the Township's Clerk's office. Consensus of the Commissioners was to leave said provision in and allow the Township Board and the Township's attorney to consider the matter.

OLD BUSINESS: #1. Proposed Medical Marihuana Ordinance (Section 2.31) & Section 21.00 - Definitions: Continued

Also discussed was whether or not the primary caregiver shall be required to occupy the site where medical marihuana is grown as their principle residence. This may be difficult as the law does not permit the Township to ask for the caregiver's name. Consensus of the Commissioners was to leave said provision in and allow the Township Board and the Township's attorney to consider the matter.

Subsection 13 regarding lights utilized in growing the marihuana plants was discussed. Consensus was to leave it as is.

**MOVED BY STREETER AND SUPPORTED BY SWEERS TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF SECTION 2.31 MEDICAL MARIHUANA AS PRESENTED, AND THE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 21.00 DEFINITIONS AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**#2. Review Letter from LCCPC - Section 2.21 Signs & Section 14.02 Special Land Use**

After reviewing the comments made by the Lapeer County Collaborative Planning Commission regarding Section 2.21 Signs, consensus of the Commissioners agreed that there was no need to make any further amendments.

Consensus of Commissioners agreed that the two suggested amendments to Section 14.02 should be included.

NEW BUSINESS: N/A.

**REPORTS:**

Planner: N/A

Engineer: N/A

Zoning Board of Appeals: Commissioner Streeter gave an overall synopsis of the meeting, noting that the 2 petitioners were granted their variances, one from Section 2.02.3 and the other from Section 9.03, and Sections 18.05, 18.07 and 18.12

Zoning & Building: October Building & Zoning Report was submitted.

General Comments: Consensus of members agreed that there was no need to re-review the amendments to Zoning Ordinance No. 39.

Proposed Agenda December 8, 2010: As there was no pressing business to conduct, consensus of the Commissioners agreed to cancel the December meeting and to meet on January 12, 2011 if necessary. Elections need to be held and the 2011 Open Meetings Resolution needs to be adopted.

**MOVED BY SWEERS AND SUPPORTED BY ZENDER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:50 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted by,

  
Ida L. Lloyd, Recording Secretary