

ALMONT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING

September 11, 2019

The regular meeting of the Almont Township Planning Commission called to order at 7:04 P.M. by Chairman Francis, at the Almont Township/Village Hall, 819 N. Main Street, Almont, Michigan 48003. Recited was the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call taken.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Andrea Bara, Brad Bletch, Rick Dodge, Steve Francis, Kim Streeter and Bryan Zender. Caitlyn Habben of ROWE Professional Services Company was also present.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ron Schapman

**PRESENT:** 1 guest

**MINUTES: MOVED BY BARA AND SUPPORTED BY STREETER TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 14, 2019, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** NA

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** NA

**LATE AGENDA ITEMS:** NA

**INTRODUCTION:** Brandon Smith of Smith's Waterproofing was present to explain that the business had purchased the adjoining Industrial zoned lot to the east of 3821 Van Dyke where the main office building is located. The vacant lot will be used to stock pile aggregate and other materials that are used in the course of their business. Mr. Smith indicated that Smith's Waterproofing contracts a large amount of their business with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Discussion followed on what will be required for site plan approval. Mr. Smith has been given a Site/Special Land Use Application and was encouraged to engage a design professional that can provide a site plan that can be reviewed by Planner Habben and Engineer Mabery, PE. A pre-application meeting with the Planner, Engineer, Planning Commission Member, and Zoning Administrator was also highly recommended.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** NA

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

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**OLD BUSINESS: 1. Storage Containers**

Planner Habben supplied the Commissioners with a copy of Attica Townships' approved amendment to Accessory Buildings. Discussion followed on what the PC members liked and did not like about the section pertaining to shipping containers.

Imlay Township will hold a public meeting regarding shipping containers in October. Planner Habben invited anyone from the Planning Commission who might be interested to attend the meeting.

Question was raised as to why Almont is even discussing this matter when the PC as a board cannot come to a consensus on shipping containers. It was noted that a decision has to be made sooner than later and that a moratorium against shipping containers cannot be imposed forever. Planner Habben stated she will keep Almont apprised of the subject through her monthly reports until such time as Almont Township Planning Commission is ready to make a decision.

**Reports:**

Planner: ROWE Professionals will be conducting a new Educational Series on October 29th.

Engineer: NA

ZBA: NA

Zoning & Building: Verbal report given.

General Comments: Commissioner Streeter gave a verbal update on the DTE report given to the Township Board on September 9, 2019.

**MOVED BY BARA AND SUPPORTED BY ZENDER TO ADJOURN AT 8:18 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully,

*Ida L. Lloyd*

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Recording Secretary