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ALMONT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

JULY 08, 2020

The regular meeting of the Almont Township Planning Commission called to order at 7:00 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, James Gostomski, Kim Streeter and Bryan Zender. Caitlyn Habben of ROWE Professional Services Company was also present.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PRESENT: 1 guest

MINUTES: MOVED BY BARA AND SUPPORTED BY GOSTOMSKI TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 10, 2020 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NA

LATE AGENDA ITEMS: NA

INTRODUCTION: NA

PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed text amendment to Section 8.6 & 8.7 – Shipping containers/truck trailers

Chairman Francis opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. Planner Habben noted that the proposed text amendment will need to be put in the proper format in the Zoning Ordinance. Question was asked if the motion needed to be amended. Planner Habben stated it did not.

Chairman Francis noting that as no further comments were offered closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

MOVED BY ZENDER AND SUPPORTED BY BARA TO RECOMMEND THE PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT REGARDING SHIPPING CONTAINERS AND TRUCK TRAILERS AS PROPOSED TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD FOR ADOPTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-2.

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NEW BUSINESS: OPEN DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO ART.2, SECTION 2.29 MEDICAL MARIHUANA AND SECTION 2.21 HOME OCCUPATIONS.

Discussion was based on a Supreme Court decision regarding Christie DeReuter v Township of Byron.

Planner Habben noted that any text amendments would need to be put in the proper format. Planning Commissioners than review a proposed text amendment as prepared by Township Attorney, Christine Anderson. The proposed text amendment would place Medical Marihuana Primary Caregivers as a home occupation. Upon review of said proposed draft, the commissioners made a few recommendations and a correction to spelling.

Discussion was held on what is nonconforming and conforming in existing uses.

Planner Habben was requested to make the necessary text amendments and provide a draft copy to the Township as soon as possible so that a public hearing could be scheduled for the August 12, 2020 Planning Commission meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: NA

REPORTS:

Planner: NA

Engineer: NA

Zoning Board of Appeals: NA

Zoning & Building: Zoning Administrator and Planner Habben stated that they had talked to the design professional for Self-Serve Lumber.

Planning Commission: Question was raised on what Blake's were doing. The only changes being made are to the interior of the building. There is no "tasting room" use or other use changes that would require changes to the site plan.

August 12, 2020 Agenda items: Public Hearing: proposed text amendments to Art. 2, sections 2.21 & 2.29

MOVED BY ZENDER AND SUPPORTED BY BARA TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8:10 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ida L. Lloyd

Ida L. Lloyd, Recording Secretary