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ALMONT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2014

The regular meeting of the Almont Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Chairperson Steve Francis at the Almont Township/Village Hall, 819 N. Main Street, Almont, Michigan. Roll call was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Francis, Jean Gross, Fred Hunter, Mark Lauwers, Kim Streefer, and Bryan Zender.

MEMBER ABSENT: Clay Stroup

ALSO PRESENT: 2 guests

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was presented.

MINUTES: MOVED BY STREETER AND SUPPORTED BY ZENDER TO RECEIVE THE NOVEMBER 13, 2013 MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None offered

LATE AGENDA ITEM: None offered

INTRODUCTIONS: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS: ^{HEARING} #1. Proposed amendments to Article 2, Section 2.35 – Shared driveways

Chairman Francis opened the public hearing at 7:06 P.M. Discussion followed. Commissioner Streefer noted that she would like to clarify the first sentence by adding some additional language. The proposed section would read as follows: "*Shared driveways or multiple private driveways servicing not more than two (2) properties may be permitted by the Township upon a finding from the Lapeer County Road Commission that the proposed single or private driveway location(s) are not permissible based on inadequate clear vision, sight distances or other roadway configurations. Shared or multiple driveways shall not be permitted unless required as a result of Lapeer County Road Commission Review. In permitting shared or multiple driveways, the*

Proposed amendment to section 2.25 continued:

Township shall require adequate joint access or user easements, including any necessary maintenance agreements to ensure the long term viability of the driveway configuration."

MOVED BY STREETER AND SUPPORTED BY LAUWERS TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE CHANGE. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Francis after finding that no further comments were offered closed the public hearing at 7:09 P.M.

MOVED BY LAUWERS AND SUPPORTED BY ZENDER TO RECOMMEND TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2.35 BE APPROVED AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: Open Meetings Resolution – 2014

The resolution resolves that regular meetings of the Almont Township Planning Commission shall be held on the 2nd Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 P.M.

MOVED BY ZENDER AND SUPPORTED BY HUNTER TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ELECTIONS: Streeter nominated Steve Francis for Chair. No other names were offered. **MOVED BY LAUWERS AND STREETER TO NOMINATE AND UNANIMOUSLY ELECT STEVE FRANCIS FOR CHAIRPERSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Gross nominated Kim Streeter as Vice-Chair. No other names were offered. **MOVED BY ZENDER AND SUPPORTED BY LAUWERS TO UNANIMOUSLY ELECT KIM STREETER FOR VICE-CHAIR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Gross nominated Fred Hunter for the position of Secretary. No other names were offered. **MOVED BY ZENDER AND SUPPORTED BY LAUWERS TO UNANIMOUSLY ELECT FRED HUNTER TO THE POSITION OF SECRETARY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOVED BY FRANCIS AND SUPPORTED BY STREETER TO RECOMMEND CLAY STROUP AS THE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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REPORTS:

Planner – Chairman Francis and Commissioner Lauwers updated the commissioners on the interview with Doug Piggott, AICP, PCP, who is an associate planner from Rowe Professional Services Company. Mr. ^{JUSTIN} Jason Sprague, also from Rowe Professional Services, will assist Almont Township. The recommendation from the Township Supervisor is to contract with Rowe for planning services. Consensus of the planning commissioners agreed noting that working with a certified planner is important.

Engineer – N/A

Zoning Board of Appeals – N/A

Zoning & Building Report – Written reports submitted.

General Comments – Commissioners expressed concerns regarding signs located within the township.

Proposed Agenda for February 12, 2014 – Unless there are any pressing items that need to be discussed, the consensus of the Commissioners agreed to possibly cancel the February meeting and re-adjourn on March 12, 2014.

**MOVED BY LAUWERS AND SUPPORTED BY STREETER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT
7:38 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted by:



Ida L. Lloyd,
Recording Secretary