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ALMONT TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

September 8, 2010

The regular meeting of the Almont Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:04 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: 0 guests

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was presented.

MINUTES: MOVED BY SWEERS AND SUPPORTED BY GROSS TO ACCEPT THE AUGUST 11, 2010 MINUTES AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: N/A.

LATE AGENDA ITEMS: N/A

INTRODUCTIONS: N/A

PUBLIC HEARING: N/A

OLD BUSINESS: #1. Proposed Medical Marihuana Ordinance

Discussion followed on the proposed August 12, 2010 draft as presented by Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson noted that the Township's legal counsel had reviewed it in part with other communities that CPM works with. Concerns were express over enforcement, location of growing sites/structures and registration of caregivers. Also discussed was to make it a permitted use in an Ag/Res zoned district only and not a Type I Home Occupation to ensure privacy. Medical Marihuana dispensaries grow facilities, compassion clubs, and similar operations will be prohibited.

Consensus of Planning Commissioners agreed that with the suggested changes the proposed Medical Marihuana ordinance was ready to be placed on October's agenda for public hearing. Mr. Wilson agreed to make the noted changes and have the amended draft to all commissioners as soon as possible.

#3. Proposed Adult Entertainment Ordinance.

Mr. Wilson briefly explained the changes made to the August 19, 2010 draft ordinance. Discussion followed. Concerns were expressed on placing pool/billiard halls, coin-operated amusement centers, roller skating or ice rinks, night clubs or dance halls, tattoo parlors, used goods check chasing and buy/sell gold uses as permitted uses within the Industrial Zoned Districts. Consensus of Commissioners agreed to delete these items from the list of permitted uses.

Mr. Wilson agreed to make the noted changes and have the amended draft to all commissioners as soon as possible. Also agreed upon was to set the public hearing for said ordinance for the October meeting.

Mr. Wilson noted that an amendment to Section. 16.01 is also required as the proposed adult uses as suggested need to be added to the list of permitted uses in the Industrial Zoned District.

NEW BUSINESS: N/A.

REPORTS:

Planner: N/A

Engineer: N/A

Zoning Board of Appeals: N/A

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

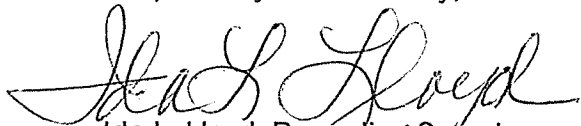
General Comments: None offered

Proposed Agenda October 13, 2010

- Public Hearing #1: Medical marihuana Ordinance
#2. Adult Entertainment Ordinance
#3. Amendment to Section 16.01 - Permitted Uses

MOVED BY SWEERS AND SUPPORTED BY LAUWERS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:33 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by,


Ida L. Lloyd, Recording Secretary