

# ALPENA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

## MINUTES - Regular Meeting

Monday, March 20, 2017

**MEETING COMMENCED:** 7:01 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### THOSE PRESENT

Lisa Brendle, Larry Dehring, Tom Hilberg, Chuck LeFebvre, Norm Poli and Ann Marie Rich

### ABSENT

Fred Sterns

### OTHERS PRESENT

Jacob Stenz - 425 Marywood Dr

Travis O'Connor - 2040 Hamilton Road

Grace Koseba - 405 Partridge Ave

Cindy O'Connor - 2040 Hamilton Road

Nathan W. Skibbe - Supervisor

Jim Klarich - Target Alpena

Amanda Kish - 2040 Hamilton Road

Matt O'Connor - 1120 Tamrack Road

Leo Koseba - 405 Partridge Ave

Shannon Dickinson - 4241 US 23 N

Tim Gulden - Township Attorney

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

L. Brendle made a **motion** to adopt the agenda with the addition of item C. Direct Deposit under New Business, **supported** by A. Rich. *Motion passed.*

### PUBLIC MEETING PARTICIPATION RULES

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

N. Poli made a **motion** to approve the February 13, 2017 minutes, **supported** by L. Dehring. *Motion passed.*

### CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter Regarding Case #P-08-14 - M. Twite

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Case #P-08-14 - Review Case

T. Gulden, Township Attorney, reviewed the procedure to revoke a site plan in accordance with Alpena Township Zoning Ordinance, section 1811-F. Mr. Gulden also explained the appeal process from section 1811-G.

Discussions took place regarding the berm as described in the approved site plan. A. Rich stated that although the current berm may be esthetically pleasing it does not meet the requirements of the site plan.

Mr. O'Connor will be working with Supervisor Skibbe and providing the Planning Commission with a Plan of Action at the April 10, 2017 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Discussion of Possible Future Tenant at MC Sporting Goods Store**  
Jim Klarich, Target Alpena, made the Commission aware of a business interest in the above referenced property. J. Klarich was informed that the next step in the process would be for tenant to start a site plan application with the Township.
  
- b. **Discussion Regulating Medical Marijuana Facilities Class and Law**  
On March 13, members of the Planning Commission attended a MSU sponsored seminar regarding the upcoming licensing laws becoming effective at the end of this year. At this point, the Commission felt that no action was needed by the Township Board of Trustees. It was discussed that other communities who attended the seminar were taking the same approach.
  
- c. **Direct Deposit Clarification for Planning Commission**  
Supervisor Skibbe informed the Commission on the cost savings and efficiencies of the Direct Deposit program. The Commission asked Skibbe if all Commission members needed to participate for the program to move forward. Skibbe will report back at the next meeting.

**WORKSHOP - Update the Alpena Township Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance**

C. LeFebvre made a **motion** that the Alpena Township Planning Commission, in accordance with Michigan Planning Enabling Act (P.A. 33 of 2008, as amended), transmits the draft Alpena Township Master Plan to the Township Board and requests their approval to distribute the plan for community and agency review and comment, **supported** by L. Dehring.

*Roll call vote: L. Brendle-aye; L. Dehring-aye; T. Hilberg-aye; C. LeFebvre-aye; N. Poli-aye; A. Rich-aye; and F. Sterns-absent. Motion passed.*

**DISCUSSION**

Jacob Stenz of 425 Marywood Drive inquired about a potential zoning use for 110 and 116 Russel Court. He asked if this property could be used for an after school wrestling program. He is working with the state's "My Way" program, a non-profit organization. T. Gulden read from the Alpena Township Ordinance, Section 801, Paragraph E and added that the zoning needs to be confirmed on both lots before any action be taken.

**NEXT MEETING** - April 10, 2017

**ADJOURNMENT**

L. Dehring made a **motion** to adjourn, **supported** by C. LeFebvre. **Meeting Adjourned** by Chairperson Hilberg at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Brendle  
Secretary  
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