

ALAMO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD AT  
ALAMO TOWNSHIP HALL  
7901 N. 6<sup>TH</sup> ST.  
KALAMAZOO, MI 49009  
JUNE 02, 2015

**Meeting Called To Order:** Chairman Belden Smith called the meeting to order with the Pledge Of Allegiance at 7:02PM.

**Roll Call Of Commissioners:** Chairman Belden Smith, Vice Chair Pauline Keiser, Member Don Porter, Member John Kennedy, Member Richard Bennett, Member David Veenstra, and Secretary Patrick Studabaker. All but Member Bennett answered present. Member Smith moved that Member Bennett be excused from the meeting. Member Keiser supported the motion. **Motion carried with no objection**

**Others Present:** Three (3) other citizens were present.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Member Keiser requested the following changes to the meeting minutes:

- Member Veenstra was never excused from the meeting.
- Correction made to Member Kennedy's statement about those putting money up for a scoreboard should be allowed to.
- Add "industrial" to statement made by Member Smith on where the focus of the sign ordinances should be.
- The names of citizens removed
- Correct made to Member Keiser's statement that Section 8.4 – Signs should be kept but tweaked.

Member Smith motioned for approval to accept the meeting minutes with the proposed changes. Member Porter supported the motion. **Motion carried with Member Keiser objecting.**

There was a discussion as to the policy on keeping meeting minutes. There was also a discussion as to the depth of information recorded. Member Smith motioned that meeting minutes refer to names of board members be listed only with motions and support of motions. The secretary should use caution with providing detail of statements during discussions. Member Veenstra supported the motion. **Motion carried with Member Porter and Member Studabaker objecting.**

**A member requested that the meeting minutes include a note to look into any past bylaws concerning meeting minutes.**

**Old Business – Discussion Of Commissioners' Suggested Amendments To Improve Section 8.4 – Signs:** Discussion was made on two different types of proposed changes to the sign ordinance. A member of the Planning Commission put forth a proposal to overhaul and limit the ordinance. Another member of the Planning Commission put forth a plan that would make smaller changes and clear up some formatting confusion.

**New Business – Initiation Of A List, Kept By The Commission Secretary, Of Errors And Clarifications To Be Addressed In Future Amending Ordinances:** The Secretary was instructed to keep such a list.

**Citizens' Comments:** A citizen spoke on prohibited verses permitted type ordinances and spoke of the benefits of the permitted type ordinances.

**Commissioners' Comments:** A member spoke about an issue, brought up during the Township Board meeting that took place on 05/04/2015, about ornaments at the township cemetery. The member requested the other members think about the issue before the next Township Board meeting.

A member stated that more information gathering for the sign ordinance wasn't needed and wished to make decisions with information currently on hand. The member favored the proposed ordinance that made smaller changes and cleared up some formatting confusion.

A member stated the proposed ordinance that overhauled and limited the ordinance was made with the desire to make some things simpler. The member also advised that road construction had started on B. Ave and advised caution.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Member Kennedy. Member Keiser supported the motion. **The motion carried with no objection.** Meeting adjourned at 9:23PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patrick Studabaker, Secretary

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