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ALMONT VILLAGE COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DECEMBER 15, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

President Schneider called the Public Hearing to order at 7:30 p.m. in order to receive public comment regarding Zoning Ordinance 193.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Dyke, Lauer, Love, Peltier, Steffler, Schneider

Councilmembers Absent: Tobias

Staff Present:

Village Manager	Sarah Moyer-Cale
Clerk/Treasurer	Kimberly Keesler
Police Chief	Pat Nael
DPW Superintendent	Bryan Treat

Guests Present:

Ms. Nancy Boxey	DDA Director
Ms. Tarra Bashore	
Mr. Ian Kempf	
Mr. Tom Moore	
13 Students	

AGENDA

1. Ordinance 193

Village Manager Sarah Moyer-Cale gave a synopsis of the proposed zoning ordinance. The changes will improve accessibility and offer more flexibility for residents and businesses, implemented design standards in the DDA District, and implemented more precise definitions.

Manager Moyer-Cale indicated the following changes were recommended:

That will not affect the meaning of the text as presented:

- Correct clerical errors
- Alphabetize by contents all headings in Article 3
- Update table of contents and section headings as appropriate
- Provide for consistent formatting for numerical values
- Proper formatting for numerical values

That will or could possibly affect the meaning of the text as presented:

- Change reference to Ordinance 135 to 159.
- Section 5.01.5.c remove reference to "above the roof signs" since such signs are prohibited.



"We're growing in the right direction."

- Remove sections 6.01.12, 6.01.13, 6.01.14, 6.01.15 as they have been revised by Council and will be addressed in a forthcoming amendments to the Blight and Nuisance Ordinance.
- Section 10.02.01.b remove “or both”
“That such alteration, improvement or rehabilitation conforms to applicable codes or ordinances or both of the Village in such case made and provided.”
- Section 10.03.01 remove “or both”
“A nonconforming use of land shall not be enlarged or altered unless such enlargement or alteration shall result in compliance with this Ordinance and applicable codes or ordinances or both of the Village and statues of the State of Michigan...”
- Move section 11.03 to a new section in Article 3 entitles “Temporary Uses” as it is inappropriately listed in an article related to the ZBA. “The Planning Commission may authorize temporary structures, signs, and uses permitted in a district for periods not to exceed six (6) months.”
- Section 11.04.01 change from 4 members to 2. There are only 3 members on the ZBA. “The concurring vote of two (2) members of the Board shall be necessary to grant a use variance.”

Councilmember Love asked President Schneider if he was involved in this process. President Schneider indicated he had been involved in some of the discussions.

Ms. Tarra Bashore requested we not include miniature pot-bellied pigs in the livestock portion of the ordinance, which are not allowed on parcels less than two acres. She handed out packets that explained frequently asked questions regarding pigs as pets and sample ordinances from other municipalities. Discussion was held.

It was the consensus of Council for Manager Moyer-Cale to investigate other municipalities’ ordinances regarding pot-bellied pigs as pets and to return that information for a possible amendment.

DDA Director Nancy Boxey spoke on behalf of the Almont DDA. They are excited for the new zoning ordinance to be adopted. This would be the final piece that marries the DDA’s place making efforts with the new design standards.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Kimberly J. Keesler
Clerk/Treasurer

Steve Schneider
President

Approved Date: January 5, 2016

