ALMENA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2014

Members present: Chairman Ron Marvin, Brian Rumsey, Mark Roman, Nina Consolatti, Carol Himes, and Greg Babik

Members absent: Steve Manning and Matt Moulds

I. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.by Chairman Ron Marvin.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Motion by Ron Marvin to approve agenda **Second** by Mark Roman. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

III. CORRECTONS AND/OR APPROVAL OF July 7, 2014 PC MEETING MINUTES
Motion to Approve as written by Mark Roman **Second** by Ron Marvin, **Abstained** by Nina Consolatti **Motion approved 5-1**.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS – No public in attendance**.**

V. TOWNSHIP BOARD LIAISON REPORT

a. **Township Board Liaison Report**
The Zoning Ordinance changes were approved at the Board meeting. Mark is in the process of scanning the 1996 Subdivision Ordinances written back in 1996 into recognition software. A public hearing may be scheduled for the October meeting if Chris Khorey will be able to attend the September Planning Commission meeting.

a. **M-43 Overlay Committee Report**
No scheduled meeting and nothing new to report. Adding a 5th member to the committee was discussed and the suggestion will be made to the Board.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Mark Roman presented a 7 page report on the results of the contacts he made with dog breeders, shelters, and animal welfare groups concerning kennel definitions and zoning strategies. Most used the state law of 1919 for their basis.

b. Proposed Zoning Amendments
   - Kennel Definition: The change in the amendment of the definition of a kennel is not adequate enough and will be tabled until the next Planning Commission meeting in September. Christopher Khorey will be asked to look at other township ordinances.
   - Changing authority to grant special use approval from the ZBA to the Planning Commission in Section 17.25 was tabled due to contradictions in 17.24. Section 17.24 will be referred to Christopher Khorey for review.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT** – **Motion** to adjourn by Carol Himes, **Second** by Ron Marvin **Motion passed 6-0.** The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes Approval Date: Unapproved

Lia Will
Almena Township Deputy Clerk

Cc: PC (8)
Twp. Board (7)
ZBA (5)
Christopher Khorey
Bill Henderson
Attorney