

Planning Commission Annual Report 2018

City of Albion
112. W. Cass Street
Albion, MI 49225

2018 Planning Commissioners

Membership: Nine voting members, including the Mayor and one Councilmember (appointed annually) and one staff member. One member may be a non-resident, with the consent of Council, who possess an interest in planning in the City of Albion. Appointed by Mayor with confirmation by City Council.

Residency: Except for one member as indicated above, all must be City residents.

Term: Three (3) years

Compensation: None

Planning commission member	Term expiration
Albert Amos	12/31/2020
**Garrett Brown	Ex-Officio
Scott Kipp	Ex-Officio
Tom Pitt	12/31/2018
Sharon Ponds	12/31/2019
**Lenn Reid	Ex-Officio
Gregg Strand	12/31/2017
George Strander	12/31/2020
Frances Valdes	12/31/2019
**Appointed Council Member Representative serves until the end of his/her elected term of office.	

2018 Meetings (MPEA requires four (4) meetings annually)

The City of Albion Planning Commission met eight (8) times. This meets the requirements of the MPEA. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Council Chambers

January 17, 2018

February 21, 2018

March 20, 2018

April 17, 2018

June 19, 2018

August 21, 2018

September 18, 2018

November 20, 2018

Purpose of the Planning Commission – The purposes of the Planning Commission include:

- Preparing a plan to guide the physical development of the City of Albion, and to continually keep it up to date thereafter.
- Promoting the adoption and execution of such plans by the City, school, county, and other governments and agencies responsible for making public or other improvements in the City Municipality.
- Effecting economics in the City through the recommendation of a wise expenditure of funds to provide sound development.
- Encouraging and assisting public and private agencies in improving the attractiveness of the City Municipality.
- Working toward a “planned community” for the City by officially adopting a plan to guide the physical development of the community.
- Furthering cooperation between governmental and private agencies toward these ends.

Actions by Legislative Body in 2018

February 21, 2018 – CARRIED, to amend the Medical Marihuana Zoning Ordinance to require an eight (8') foot fence that allows for visibility into the facility and to set the public hearing for the March 20, 2018 Planning Commission meeting. (Voice Vote)

March 20, 2018 – CARRIED, to approve the Medical Marihuana Zoning Ordinance as presented. (Voice Vote)

April 17, 2018 - CARRIED, to approve five (5) Grower Medical Marihuana Licenses and one (1) Processor Medical Marihuana License for Greenhouse Farms, LLC contingent upon zoning and receipt of legible scale drawing of site and parking lot. (Voice Vote)

- CARRIED, to allow for a maximum of seven (7) committee members for the Local Historic District Committee.
(Voice Vote)

August 21, 2018 – CARRIED, to approve one (1) Grower Medical Marihuana License and one (1) Processor Medical Marihuana License for Michael Moore. (Voice Vote)

September 18, 2018 – CARRIED, to make recommendation to the City Council to amend Chapter 30 of the 1984 Zoning Code of the City of Albion by amending Section 30-04 Definitions, amend Highway Service District B-3, Industrial District M-2, M-2-P, and M-1-P to address State Licensed Medical Marihuana Provisioning Centers, pursuant to Chapter 22, Article V of the City of Albion Code of Ordinance. (Roll Call Vote)

- CARRIED, to approve one (1) Grower Medical Marihuana License and one (1) Processor Medical Marihuana License for Comco, LLC contingent on the City receiving a copy of the property deed from the AEDC. (Voice Vote)
- CARRIED, to approve one (1) Provisioning Center Medical Marihuana License for Pincanna contingent on City Council approving the proposed zoning amendments. (Voice Vote)
- CARRIED, to approve one (1) Grower Medical Marihuana License for Greenwell Biomedicals, LLC. (Voice Vote)

November 20, 2018 – CARRIED, approve one (1) Provisioning Center Medical Marihuana License for Greenhouse Farms Albion 1, LLC. (Voice Vote)

Zoning

The City of Albion continues to take all necessary steps to have Albion certified by the Michigan Economic Corporation as a Redevelopment Ready Community. Zoning is a significant mechanism for achieving desired land use patterns and quality development. Clarity of ordinance rules, requirements, definitions and processes is critical to entice investment in a community. A zoning re-write subcommittee consisting of four (4) Planning Commissioners, with the assistance of Denise Kline, Deputy Director/Chief Planner with Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, met throughout the year to review Albion's current zoning ordinance.

Currently, there are nineteen (19) zoning districts in Albion. The Planning Commission Zoning Rewrite Subcommittee with the aid of Denise Cline worked on and drafted the following articles in 2018:

- Article 3 – General Provisions
- Article 4 – District Regulations: Table of Permitted and Special use reviewed. Consolidation of districts completed. Remainder of chapter draft and review in 2019.
- Article 5 – Plot Plan & Site Plan Review
- Article 6 – Special Land Use

- Article 8 – Zoning Board of Appeals
- Article 9 – Administration & Enforcement
- Article 10 – Adoption & Amendments
- Future Zoning Map

