

## **Auburn Planning Commission 2011 Annual Report**

<u>Member</u>	<u>/ represents /</u>	<u>term ends in</u>
<b>Black, Gary</b>	– Secretary / <i>industry &amp; agriculture</i>	‘12
<b>Everitt, Leo</b>	– Vice Chair / <i>education</i>	‘12
<b>Haeger, Don</b>	– Chmn. / <i>transportation &amp; communications</i>	‘14
<b>LaBrecque, Lynn</b>	/ <i>recreation &amp; tourism</i>	‘13
<b>Rezmer, Amy</b>	./ <i>City Commission</i> /	----
<b>Salisbury, Bill</b>	/ <i>natural resources &amp; public health</i>	‘13
<b>Wisniewski, Al</b>	/ <i>commerce</i>	‘14

The Planning Commission met in regularly scheduled meeting 6 times in 2011. At the start of the year Commissioners Haeger and Wisniewski were reappointed by the City Commission for three year terms.

In our January meeting the Planning Commission wrapped up work on three ordinance changes that covered mutual access for developments, clear vision clarifications as to how those distances are measured, and finally, limits on yard sales. All three were approved and sent on to the City Commission after a public hearing.

In January we also concluded extensive work that brought together an updated Master Plan for Auburn. That was approved and sent on to the City Commission.

In 2011 the Planning Commission had one rezoning action in response to a request from Ittner Bean and Grain. In March property adjacent to the existing light industrial was rezoned from residential to light industrial to accommodate Ittner Bean and Grain’s desire to expand their capacity.

The Michigan Medical Marijuana Act was the subject of several meetings during the year. Although no zoning changes have yet been made, we have heard from the owners of a proposed medical marijuana facility in Auburn and from the owner of an operating dispensary in Pinconning. At year’s end most of the Michigan “dispensaries” have been closed due to legal opinions and decisions, although there remains a probable need for communities to have their zoning language in place if or when a path is cleared for commercial or residential medical marijuana operation.

### **Planning Commission Training for 2011 included:**

- Amy Rezmer:** Planning and Zoning Essentials training session held in Bay City, Michigan on March 1, 2011. Session was put on by the MI Association of Planning
- Gary Black:** attended a Michigan Municipal League MMA seminar in Grand Rapids and a MMA Delta College Forum on campus in October. An Attorney General representative and a State Police representative were on hand.

Respectfully submitted

Gary Black

Secretary

December 15, 2011