

VALLEY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Agenda for Regular Meeting
Tuesday April 25, 2006

Minutes in Italics

1. Call to Order and Roll Call *Meeting started at 7pm. All present and accounted-for. Meeting was attended by the Township Board, a government student from Allegan High School, and several members of the community including the Browns (who had seen the notice for the Public Hearing), Tony Garafalo and Marv Voss from the Allegan County Planning Commission..*
2. Welcome Melodee Dobbins and Jan Nelson as our two newest members. *Melodee is Melodie. Lou welcomed Melodie and Jan.*
- 2a. *Agenda was amended by Lou by switching the order for items 6 and 8. In addition, item 6a. was added to accommodate the Public Hearing scheduled by the Township Clerk to consider the application of the Ferrins' for a private road Special Use Permit.*
3. Approval of this agenda – Amend/Approve *Moved by Kaarlie, Seconded by Smith to approve the agenda as amended. Passed 5/0.*
4. Minutes of the March, 2006 Planning Commission meeting. Discuss/Approve *Moved by Smith, 2nd by Kaarlie to approve the March minutes as submitted. Passed 5/0.*
5. Comments from the Public on general issues not referenced in this agenda. *No specific comments pertaining to other than agenda items.*
6. Communications – One, from Casey Nyboer re: Cemetery Ordinance. Review briefly and set for May agenda. *Township Supervisor Browne advised that this item did not need to come before the Planning Commission. No action taken.*
7. Adopt method of tracking Ordinances and Planning Commission projects. Recommend to the Township Board a procedure to work with the Township Clerk in order to keep these tools up-to-date. *Lou presented this item once more in view of the fact that Township Board was in attendance. Planning Commission members agreed this system would work to improve ability to reference past work and ordinances. It was moved by Nelson, 2nded by Smith to adopt the procedure. Supervisor Browne suggested it be sent to Administrative Assistant (Casey Nyboer) to be maintained. Passed 5/0.*
8. Application for Private Road – Mark & Christine Ferrin/ Discuss/ Set public hearing for May meeting if approved. *Lou opened the Public Hearing after brief discussion among Planning Commission members. No action was taken, but a list of concerns was prepared and will accompany these minutes to be sent to the Administrative Assistant. Intent is to get these concerns aired so members of the Township staff, working with Planning Commission and Township Supervisor, can obtain any additional information required for discussions to be held at the May Planning Commission meeting.*

9. Land Use Plan – continue work – Starting with an introduction of our mandate for the benefit of our two newest members. *Present version of the updated Master Plan was highlighted by Lou to show where we stand. There is much work yet to be done. Township Supervisor recommended copies be provided to all members of the Township Board so they can see where it is going. There was some debate, and a consensus was reached to have the Planning Commission set a work session specifically to address this Plan with no copies being published until the PC finished its part and has a recommended package to present. A date was set but the writer missed it. Supervisor Browne re-emphasized the need to have this plan in place by the July 1 deadline.*

Additional notes: Lou advised the Planning Commission and all others in attendance that he was resigning from the Planning Commission effective immediately. He stated he would pass on to the Administrative Assistant these minutes, the Planning Commission system of tracking ordinances, the list of concerns regarding the Ferrins application for a Private Road and the Land Use Plan in its current configuration.

10. Adjourn. *A motion to adjourn was made and 2nded. Passed 5/0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Thierwechter