

VALLEY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 26, 2008

Call to Order: Melodie Dobbins called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on Feb. 26, 2008

Roll Call: Melodie Dobbins, Brandee Ellis, Bill Jones, and Harry Smith.

***The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

Minutes: Melodie Dobbins made the motion to accept the minutes from the January 22nd meeting. Bill Jones seconded. The motion carried.

Comment on Non-Agenda Items: Brandee Ellis informed the board about two workshops coming up. The 2008 Planning Workshop Featuring Presentations by Allegan County Land Information Services and Environmental Health will be on Monday, March 31, 2008 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Human Services Building in the County Services Complex on 122nd Ave. Melodie Dobbins and Bill Jones will be attending this workshop. The cost for this workshop will be \$20. The Low Impact Development Seminar will be on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the Gun Lake Tribe of Indians Community Center in Shelbyville. Melodie Dobbins, Bill Jones, and Harry Smith will be attending. There is no cost for this seminar.

Old Business: Brandee Ellis reminded everyone that signage and the use of signs are discussed in detail in the Valley Township Ordinance Book on pages 3, 18, 31, 32, and 33. Watson Township's Open Space Ordinance was reviewed (see attached). It was thought that we might want to adopt a more detailed description of "Open Space/Clustering" within our current ordinance. This information will be brought up with Mark Eidelson, our land use consultant, for further review. Paul Shamblin faxed a copy of Light Industrial regulations for our information (see attached).

New Business: Melodie Dobbins presented a quick reference guide that Watson Township currently uses (see attached). Melodie made the motion to include something like this for use in our ordinance book. Bill Jones seconded. The motion carried. Brandee Ellis will type up something for review for our next meeting. Melodie also presented a "Special Controlled Use" ordinance that is currently used in Watson Township (see attached). There was some discussion as to whether Valley Township would need to implement something of this nature for use in our M-40/M-89 Mixed Use Corridor. This information will be brought up with John Lohrstorfer, our attorney, for further review. Brandee Ellis made a motion to tape each meeting for minute purposes only, to be deleted upon approval of said minutes. Melodie seconded. The motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn: Melodie Dobbins made the motion to adjourn. Harry Smith seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandee Ellis, Secretary