

**VALLEY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
JULY 22, 2008**

Call to Order: Melodie Dobbins called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM on July 22, 2008.

Roll Call: Melodie Dobbins, Brandee Ellis, Bill Jones, Paul Shamblin, Harry Smith, Rusty Radloff.

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

Minutes: Harry Smith made the motion to accept the minutes from the June 24th meeting. Brandee Ellis seconded. The motion passed.

Comments from public on non-agenda items: There were no comments.

Old Business: Landscaping-Melodie Dobbins presented the commission with the landscaping ordinance currently in use in Comstock, MI that our attorney, Mr. Lohrstorfer faxed to her. Melodie stated that Valley Township is a rural community and that we need to continue this atmosphere throughout the township. The commission reviewed the ordinance to see how it might pertain to Valley. Paul Shamblin thought an ordinance of this nature should only apply to commercial properties and not to single-family residential dwellings. This thought was shared by all commission members. Changes were made to the Comstock ordinance to fit Valley's needs and requirements. A revised copy will be available at our next commission meeting. Brandee Ellis will type this up.

*Due to the need to implement our By-Laws by Sept. 1, 2008 per PA 33 of 2008, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act signed by Governor Granholm, we moved on to "New Business." Both the open space and the sign ordinances were postponed until next month's meeting.

New Business: A copy of "sample planning commission by-laws", sent by attorney Lohrstorfer, was discussed in detail. There were a few changes that were made to the sample to make them apply to Valley Township. Such changes included: removal of section referring to a planning consultant, removal of duties of preparing an annual budget, and preparing a capital improvements plan. These changes being made, a revised copy will be voted on at next month's meeting. The home occupation ordinance will be put on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Rusty Radloff made the motion to adjourn. Bill Jones seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandee Ellis, Secretary