VALLEY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES November 25, 2008

Call to Order: Melodie Dobbins called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM on November 25, 2008.

Roll Call: Paul Shamblin, Harry Smith, Rusty Radloff, Melodie Dobbins, and Brandee Ellis (filling in for Rhonda Mallory who had an excused absence.) Bill Jones also had an excused absence.

*The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Melodie made the motion to accept the minutes from the October 28th meeting. Rusty seconded. The motion passed.

Comments on non-agenda items: There was some discussion on whether or not it would be legal for Harry Smith to vote on any issues since he was the Board Representative to the Planning Commission. It was decided that until the replacement person has been sworn in, that Harry was still an active member of the Planning Commission.

Old Business:

1. The list of definitions (plot plan) was tabled until the January 27 meeting.

2. Annual Report: All members were very pleased with the report written by Rhonda Mallory. There was one change to be made: Paul Shamblin was listed as a member. He should be listed as a Zoning Administrative Consultant instead.

New Business:

 Special Land Use: There was discussion about what would need a Special Land Use Permit. There was talk about removing all uses except single-family dwellings in all zoning districts. Anything other than that would require the getting of a Special Land Use Permit. Melodie presented an Adult Entertainment Uses Ordinance that is in effect in Allegan Township. The commission felt that this ordinance would be very useful for Valley Township. Melodie would like to adopt this ordinance into our Special Land Use Ordinance. It was decided that further discussion on this issue would be tabled until the full commission is present in January.
There will be no meeting in December.

3. It was decided that Melodie Dobbins, Bob Dobbins, and Paul Shamblin would attend the Wind Energy Siting and Policy Issues workshop on December 10 in Grand Rapids.

Motion to Adjourn: Melodie Dobbins made the motion to adjourn. Rusty Radloff seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandee Ellis, Acting Secretary