

VALLEY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
APRIL 28, 2009

Call to Order: Melodie Dobbins called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM on April 28, 2009

Roll Call: Melodie Dobbins, Harry Smith, Brandee Ellis, and Paul Shamblin were present. Rhonda Mallory and Bill Jones were excused absent.

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

Minutes: Melodie made the motion to accept the minutes from the March 24, 2009 meeting. Harry Smith seconded. The motion passed.

Comments on Non-Agenda Items: Brandee Ellis noted that the Planning Commission is currently over budget for education. The recommendation of the commission is to increase the budget for education to \$1000, and the budget for mileage to \$500. Brandee Ellis will take this recommendation to the board at the next regular Board Meeting.

Old Business:

1. Wind Energy-Melodie Dobbins passed out some information on Upwind Turbines vs. Downwind Turbines. According to a phone call from Attorney Lohrstorfer, if we establish an ordinance for wind energy turbines, that we consider the noise emitted from these and set standards for allowable decibels. There was further discussion on the possible health hazards of these turbines. It was decided that this subject would be tabled until the full commission could be present.
2. Camping-There was some discussion regarding the development of an ordinance to regulate camping on personal property. It is currently not allowed long term as this can pose hazardous sanitary conditions (sewer, water disposal, etc.) Further discussion will follow at a later date.
3. Annual Report-The annual report of the Planning Commission was given to the Valley Township Board at the last meeting on April 14. The board was very pleased with the outline and presentation.
4. Michigan Township Services-Melodie Dobbins presented the commission with a schedule of fees from MTS. There was some discussion about the pricing being a little high but the information will be filed for later consideration.
5. Master Plan-The public hearing to adopt the changes to the master plan is scheduled for the next commission meeting that is on May 26, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Brandee Ellis will put the notice in the paper again. There was also some discussion on the use of another planner for future services.

New Business:

1. Results from Attorney-The comments from Attorney Lohrstorfer were presented for commission discussion. It was decided that this discussion be tabled until the full commission is present.

2. Election of Officers-Harry Smith made the motion to nominate Melodie Dobbins as Chairperson. Brandee Ellis seconded. Roll call vote: Harry Smith-yes, Melodie Dobbins-yes, Brandee Ellis-yes. The motion passed. Melodie Dobbins made the motion to nominate Harry Smith as Vice-Chair. Brandee Ellis seconded. Roll call vote: Melodie Dobbins-yes, Brandee Ellis-yes, Harry Smith-yes. The motion passed. Melodie Dobbins made the motion to nominate Rhonda Mallory as Secretary. Harry Smith seconded. Roll call vote: Brandee Ellis-yes, Harry Smith-yes, Melodie Dobbins-yes. The motion passed.

Training: There will be Planning Commission training on April 30 at the Allegan Township Hall. Paul Shamblin and Melodie Dobbins will be attending.

Adjourn: Brandee Ellis made the motion to adjourn. Harry Smith seconded. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandee Ellis, Acting Secretary