

VALLEY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
September 22, 2009

Call to Order: Melodie Dobbins called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM on September 22, 2009.

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

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

Minutes: Brandee made the motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting. Mel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda: Rhonda made the motion to approve the September agenda and Brandee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Camping Ordinance: Tony submitted his thoughts/ideas by email. Mel supplied copies to the Commission. Discussion was had by all regarding the ramifications of this ordinance. We agreed that Valley Township is ideal for camping. We want to protect property owners from neighboring property with unbecoming camping situations. Primary concerns center around water, sewage, and electricity. Out-of-town landowners with unwanted campers (squatters) were discussed as well. Paul said that there are approximately sixteen long-term camping sites currently in Valley Township. Most of these should be dealt with under a temporary housing ordinance. We discussed the online application/permit process. Mel brought a copy of the Allegan County Parks Commission Campsite Reservation form to use for reference. Brandee offered to contact other clerks and ask for sample Ordinances for us to use for reference. This will need to be discussed further at our next meeting.

New Business:

1. Trowbridge Master Plan review: Mel brought the Trowbridge Township proposed changes/updates to their Master Plan for review. It was decided that she would review it and let us know if there were items of concern or points of interest for Valley Township.

Open Discussion:

1. None.

Motion to Adjourn: Mel made the motion to adjourn. Rhonda seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Mallory, Secretary