

## VALLEY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

November 24, 2009

**Call to Order:** Melodie Dobbins called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM on November 24, 2009.

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

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

**Minutes:** Harry made the motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Mel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda:** Rhonda made the motion to approve the November agenda and Harry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

1. Camping Ordinance: Tony suggested that "more than two weeks" be added to Section 25.06. Rodney DeYoung, a visitor to our meeting, requested this be extended. There was discussion on the pros and cons of this change. All agreed that "more than two weeks" was sufficient. Paul recommended that that we not ask for names when receiving complaints concerning campers. Also, it was suggested that a statement be added to the permit stating "I have read and will abide by the Valley Township Camping Ordinance". We also need to add a line to the permit asking for the Property Tax ID # and closest cross streets. Harry made the motion to accept the proposed ordinance with above listed amendments. Rhonda seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mel will send this amendment to the Township Board and attorney for approval.

### **New Business:**

1. Temporary Housing Ordinance: This ordinance would require a permit similar to the Camping Ordinance. Mel recommended that immediate family only be considered for temporary housing. It was also noted that square footage versus occupants must be considered and researched. It was brought up that hardship cases are being handled at the state level and above and should remain there. Perhaps this is not an ordinance that should be added. All cases could be addressed with a Special Use Permit and reviewed case by case. After further discussion, it was decided to review again at the next meeting.
2. Large Animal Ordinance: Bill asked that we review this Ordinance as it has been brought up recently. After review, it was agreed upon by all that our Ordinance was sufficient. The stipulations are fair and reasonable for all. The Zoning Administrator enforces these stipulations. Mel agreed to check and see if narratives are on file for all those who have received approval for large animals. If any are missing, they will be requested.

**Open Discussion:**

1. None.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Tony made the motion to adjourn. Rhonda seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Mallory, Secretary