

**VALLEY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY AUGUST 24, 2010**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

**Roll Call:**

Members present: Harry Smith, Chairperson Tony Garofalo, Brandee Ellis, Melodie Dobbins, Carol Browne

Consultant: Paul Shamblin

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**Minutes:** The July 27, 2010 Planning Commission minutes were approved as read.

**Approval of Agenda:** The August 24, 2010 Planning Commission agenda was approved with one comment.

**Zoning Administrator's Report**

No report

**Old Business**

**Chair's Report regarding the Wind Energy Ordinance**

Chair Garofalo reported that the township attorney advised that the Wind Energy Ordinance be approved as a zoning ordinance.

**New Business**

**Wind Energy Ordinance**

The Wind Energy Ordinance shall be approved by the Planning Commission as a zoning ordinance following the procedures listed below:

1. VT Planning Commission approves the Ordinance as a zoning ordinance
2. Set date for public hearing
3. Publish notice in the Allegan County News of the public hearing
4. Vote to be taken by VT Planning Commission after public hearing at the regular September 28<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting.
5. Send approved ordinance to the Allegan County Planning Commission for comment

6. Send approved ordinance to the Valley Township Board for approval
7. Post Ordinance in the Allegan County News. After a 30 day waiting period from the posting date, the Ordinance shall take effect.
8. After the Wind Turbine Zoning Ordinance goes in to effect, the Valley Township Board will vote to repeal the Stand alone Ordinance.

***Motion to approve the Wind Energy Ordinance by roll call vote. Motion approved unanimously.***

***Motion to have a public hearing during the regular meeting of the VT Planning Commission September 28<sup>th</sup>. Motion approved.***

Brandee Ellis will notify the attorney so that the notice of the public hearing is in the September 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Allegan County New.

Chair asked if there were any questions on the procedures or any further questions with regard to the Wind Energy Ordinance. Hearing none, discussion closed.

### **Reports**

None

### **Open Discussion on non-agenda items**

None

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol S. Browne, Secretary