

VALLEY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2011

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Roll Call:

Members present: Acting Chairperson Harry Smith, Carol Browne, Brandee Ellis, Fred Lewis

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: The January 18, 2011 Planning Commission minutes were approved as read.

Approval of Agenda: The February 22, 2011 Planning Commission agenda was approved.

Old Business:

Outdoor Burning Ordinance

Discussion and revision of current ordinance was continued. Tony Garofalo sent by email several suggestions for rewording Sections 1 - 7. It was moved to add wording to Section 4.00 Definitions that would emphasize the danger of open burning to people who had pulmonary diseases. The motion failed for a second.

Section 6. Open Burning of Refuse. 6.2.2. Motion to add the words "and new" to used oil. Motion was modified to eliminate the word "used." Motion carried.

Section 7. Burning trees, logs, brush, stumps, leaves, and grass clippings. 7.2.10. Motion to add the word "Michigan" before the Department of Environmental Quality. Motion carried.

The remainder of the time was devoted to review of Sections 8 – 13 making modifications as necessary. The draft will be returned to the committee for review at the next meeting.

New Business

The next ordinance for discussion will be the Medical Marijuana ordinance. Clerk Ellis will look for model ordinances to assist the Commission. Members are reminded to review materials that have been already distributed and to get copies of articles (etc.) to the administrative assistant that need to be duplicated for everyone.

Zoning Administrator Report

None

Open Discussion on Non-Agenda items

A resident of Taft Road addressed the Commission regarding how the camping ordinance was being applied to his property. The Chair of the Commission advised the resident that the Planning Commission could not address his concerns and encouraged him to attend the Valley Township Board meeting.

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Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol S. Browne, Secretary