

VALLEY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY AUGUST 23, 2011

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Garofalo.

Roll Call:

Members present: Harry Smith, Carol Browne, Brandee Ellis, Fred Lewis, Tony Garofalo

Paul Shamblin, Zoning Administrator

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: The June 28, 2011 Planning Commission minutes were approved as read.

Approval of Agenda: The August 23, 2011 Planning Commission agenda was approved.

Old Business:

Medical Marihuana Ordinance

Motion was made to table further action on the Medical Marihuana Ordinance until more information can be obtained. Motion passed.

Further discussion resulted in agreement to invite a representative from the Sheriff's office and the State Police to meet with the Commission to answer questions about enforcement of this ordinance. Chair Garofalo will contact local agencies to request their assistance.

A letter received from the township attorney, John Lohrstorfer, resulted in making several changes to the current draft of the ordinance as per his letter. Chair Garofalo will contact Mr. Lohrstorfer for clarification on two of the attorney's suggestions: (1) making the ordinance a police power/stand alone ordinance and (2) further information regarding the township issuing a license.

Secretary Browne will make the changes to the ordinance.

New Business:

No new business was presented.

Zoning Administrator Report

No Report.

Open Discussion on Non-Agenda items

Secretary Browne reminded the Commission of an earlier discussion to hold a day-long seminar on wood burning and recycling this fall. Administrator Shamblin suggested that it be advertized county wide. Chair Garofalo will take the idea to the Commission. He will also contact the city about the cost of picking up leaves in Valley Township. Administrator Shamblin will contact a company in Augusta

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about possible leaf pick up and composting. Two other possibilities are Renewed Earth and a second company both located on 222 west of town. Administrator Shamblin said he and his staff could provide information on installing wood burning furnaces. Local providers could also be asked to come and advertize their products.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol S. Browne, Secretary