

VALLEY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY January 24, 2012

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

Roll Call:

Members present: Harry Smith, Carol Browne, Fred Lewis, Tony Garofalo and Zoning Administrator, Paul Shamblin

Excused Absence: Brandee Ellis

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Harry Smith made a motion to approve the minutes supported by Fred Lewis. The November 22, 2011 Planning Commission minutes were approved as read.

Approval of Agenda: Tony Garofalo made a motion to approve the Agenda supported by Fred Lewis. The January 24, 2012 Agenda was approved as presented.

Old Business:

A. Wireless Communication Structures and Facilities

A Public Hearing on the proposed changes and amendments to the Wireless Communication Structures and Facilities ordinance will be held on February 21, 2012 during the regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting. The Commission will ask Clerk Ellis to make the appropriate notifications.

New Business:

A. Camping Ordinance

A review of the Camping Ordinance will begin at the February meeting. Members are requested to review the ordinance for the discussion.

B. Five Year Plan

It has been five years since the plan was written and it is time for a review. Audience member, Melodie Dobbins, pointed out that a revision had been made since the original plan was written and would restart the timeline for the five year review. Chair Garofalo stated that a great deal of work went into the original plan and the Commission had been complimented on the result. He did not anticipate making alot of changes. He asked Commission members to review the plan and make any notes concerning needed changes. The discussion will begin at the February meeting.

Zoning Administrator Report

The Administrator stated things have been going smoothly for the Township. There have been routine issues of problems with properties needing to be cleaned up or buildings removed. An ongoing problem

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is the increasing numbers of abandoned homes creating "dangerous building" situations. The number of abandoned homes has increased from 27 to 31 during the past two months. There is a process for dealing with these situations and it is being followed by the Township.

Open Discussion on Non-Agenda items

No Business

Adjournment

Fred Lewis made a motion to adjourn supported by Harry Smith. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol S. Browne, Secretary