

VALLEY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY October 23, 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, Brandee Ellis and Zoning Administrator, Paul Shamblin

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes: Harry Smith made a motion to approve the minutes supported by Fred Lewis. The September 25, 2012 Planning Commission minutes were approved as read.

Approval of Agenda: Harry Smith made a motion supported by Fred Lewis to approve the Agenda of October 23, 2012. Agenda was approved.

Old Business:

A. Adult Entertainment Ordinance

Public Hearing for the Adult Entertainment Ordinance was officially called to order at 7:25. After a brief discussion. Harry Smith made a motion to approve the ordinance without changes. Fred Lewis supported. Motion passed unanimously. Public Meeting closed at 7:30 pm.

New Business:

A. Brewery Request

Paul Shamblin reported receiving an email from Duane LaPonsie requesting permission to sell small quantities of beer from his property. Dr. Shamblin informed him that could not be done without coming back to the Planning Commission for further approvals. Mr. LaPonsie asked what he would have to do to obtain permission from the township for a variance to sell in small quantities.

After discussion the Commission decided that Mr. LaPonsie will need a new request and will invite him to the November meeting for further information and clarification.

Zoning Administrator Report

There have been several complaints of varying nature. All issues have been referred to the proper authorities or taken care of.

Open Discussion on Non-Agenda items

Harry Smith attended a meeting at Allegan Township on fracking. It was reported that drilling can only occur on land that is owned or leased by the person doing the drilling; drilling must stop when the lot line of the property is reached.

Chair Garofalo announced a meeting on Basic Training for Plan Commission members on October 25th and one on November 7 for Zoning Board of Appeals Basic Training.

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Chair Garofalo stated we may not have enough agenda items to hold a November meeting. Clerk Ellis agreed. Chair Garofalo will inform the Commission if no meeting is to be held. A reminder there is no December meeting .

Adjournment

Harry Smith made a motion to adjourn supported by Fred Lewis. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol S. Browne, Secretary