

**VALLEY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF TUESDAY June 25, 2013**

**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, Ron Remington and Zoning Administrator Paul Shamblin were absent

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**Minutes:** Harry Smith made a motion to approve the minutes supported by Fred Lewis. The April 23, 2013 Planning Commission minutes were approved.

**Approval of Agenda:** Harry Smith made a motion supported by Fred Lewis to approve the Agenda of June 25, 2013. The Agenda was approved.

**Old Business:**

A. Continued discussion of Bike Paths

Chair Garofalo introduced information received from Dr. Connell concerning advantages of a continuous bike path. The goal is to achieve cooperation between surrounding municipalities; primarily, Allegan Township and the city of Allegan. They are investigating the possibility of mountain bike trails as well as bike paths.

Chair Garofalo introduced a resolution "Recreation Friendly Route Expansion." After a short discussion and minor changes suggested by Dr. Connell and members of the Planning Commission, Chair Garofalo made a motion to approve supported by Carol Browne.

Resolution roll call vote: Harry Smith, Carol Browne, Fred Lewis, Tony Garofalo in favor. Motion Passed. The resolution will be submitted to the Township Board for their approval and action.

**New Business:**

A. Cemetery Ordinance

Residents have communicated they would like to see the Cemetery Ordinance modified to allow more than two cremains in a plot. Discussion ensued concerning the current requirements and the cost of maintaining the cemetery at this time. It was determined that more information is needed before this discussion can proceed. This item will be placed on next month's agenda.

B. General Review of Ordinances

A Citizens Advisory Board began a review of the Township Ordinances but the task was not completed. Chair Garofalo made the suggestion that it might be time to reconvene the Advisory Board to finish the review. He will take that suggestion forward to the Township Board.

**Zoning Administrator Report**

No Report

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**Open Discussion of Non-Agenda items**

None

**Adjournment**

Harry Smith made a motion to adjourn supported by Fred Lewis. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol S. Browne, Secretary