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ATHENS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of May 18, 2017

Athens Township Government Center

1. *Pledge of Allegiance:* The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. *Roll Call:* The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Dave Beckstrom. Members present were Cindy Anderson, Marlys Balfany, Dave Beckstrom, Dan Woodfill, Jake Carpenter and Dave Henderson. Also present were Jim & Carolyn Braun, Staff Members. There were no guests on hand for the meeting.
3. *Minutes of April 20, 2017:* A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Dave Henderson, seconded by Dan Woodfill. Motion carried unanimously.
4. *Open Forum:* No one was on hand for the Open Forum portion of the meeting.
5. *Public Hearings:* None
6. *Old Business:*
 - a. *Discussion of farm animals on small parcels:* Carolyn has gone through the document and made all the changes that the Commission wanted after the last meeting. Marlys Balfany noted that the changes were made to include rabbits but she was wondering about ducks and fowl? Carolyn went on to say that even-though she added rabbits she also added conditions for having rabbits and wanted to know if the Commission felt they were needed. It was agreed that there is a four rabbit maximum. The Commission decided to keep the conditions for rabbits in place but strike paragraph two, which read “Rabbits shall not be kept inside the principal structure”

A motion to approve the document with changes noted was made by Dave Henderson, seconded by Cindy Anderson. Motion carried unanimously. *Note: This document will be set for public hearing in the future during a regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting.*
 - b. *Discuss newly drafted Planning Commission By-laws:* The Commission read through the changes to the By-Laws for the Athens Planning Commission. Changes shall read as follows:

Section VI.1: The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be appointed at the annual Board of Reorganization.

Section VI.2: The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall only vote on tie breakers.

A typo in Section VII: It reads Section VIII.3 and should read VII.3

A typo in Section VIII: It reads Section VII.1 and should read VIII.1

Other suggestions that the Commission wanted to have included are: Terms of the regular Planning Commission Members be recognized and staggered 1, 2 and 3 years. Also, if a Planning Commission Member quits or is removed mid-term a replacement will be appointed by the Board to finish out that persons term.

After some brief discussion, Dave Henderson made a motion to approve the document with changes, seconded by Dan Woodfill. Motion carried unanimously.

Note: This Resolution will be passed on to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

7. *Miscellaneous:*
 - a. Current Building Permit List: The Commission went over the current permit issued and Jim Braun answered any questions that were asked.
8. *Adjournment:* Being that there was no further business, a motion was made by Marlys Balfany to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dave Henderson. Motion carried unanimously at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Braun
Recorder Pro-Tem