

ATHENS TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
7:00 pm Athens Township Government Center
Minutes of Thursday, July 19, 2018

1. *Pledge of Allegiance*: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. *Roll Call*: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Dave Beckstrom. Members present were Dan Woodfill, Marlys Balfany, Dave Henderson, Dave Beckstrom, Cindy Anderson, and Jack Cole. Also present was Zoning Administrator, Ryan Grittmann, and Board Member Lyle Reynolds.
3. *Minutes of June 21, 2018*: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Henderson, motion seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.
4. *Open Forum*: Beckstrom opened the public forum. Seeing no residents present for the open forum, Beckstrom closed the public forum.
5. *Public Hearings*:
 - a. Continued public hearing: Home occupation Ordinance Amendment

Planner Grittmann gave his report and stated that the 25% limit in the county ordinance is actually a threshold, and not a limit, if the application is for more than 25%, it becomes an IUP or CUP.

Board member Lyle Reynolds agreed with Planner Grittmann that the ordinance does not say that, and the county is interpreting the ordinance a different way than it's written.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cole to table the ordinance and direct staff to make two changes to the proposed ordinance update:

1. Remove Section 20-35 (b) 4 as proposed and place that ordinance in Section 20-33 (g) 1.
2. Change "home occupation in accessory building" to say "extended home occupation" throughout the ordinance.

Motion seconded. Passed on a vote of 5-0.

- b. Public hearing: temporary structures related to construction ordinance amendment

Planner Grittmann gave his report and stated that the Township had placed a one-year moratorium on temporary construction plants with the intent to update the ordinance.

Commissioner Henderson stated that temporary construction plants create issues with noise, fumes, water table issues, and smells.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to recommend to the board to move temporary construction plants to prohibited uses; and use the above-mentioned findings of fact for the reasoning behind the prohibition. Motion seconded. Motion passed on a vote of 5-0.

6. *New Business:*

a. Temporary structures

Discussion on this ordinance took place. Chair Beckstrom stated that only farm wineries can have temp structure. Proposes we change to allow ag tourism, and rural tourism to allow. The Planning Commission will discuss this topic at their next meeting.

b. Portable toilets

Chair Beckstrom give a brief discussion regarding this. The issue is the regulation of portable toilets and sanitation. The Planning Commission will discuss this topic at their next meeting.

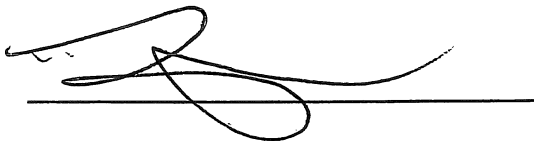
Board Member Reynolds stated that the county is in the process of adopting a new waste management ordinance. PC approved last week.

Board Member Reynolds stated that the county approved an ordinance update for feed lots.

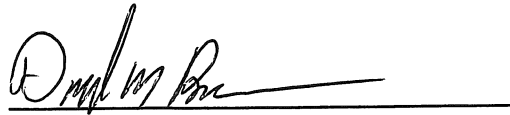
Board Member Reynolds stated that the county is looking at the regulation of temporary rentals of vacation property.

7. *Adjournment:* Commissioner Balfany motioned to approve. Motion seconded. Motion passed on a vote of 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Minutes approved on this 16th day of August 2018.



Ryan Grittman, Zoning Administrator



Dave Beckstrom, Planning Chair