

**Athens Township Planning Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 19, 2021**

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the Athens Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM on August 19, 2021, and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Planning Commissioners Present**

Dave Henderson, Marlys Balfany, Dean Thompson, Jason Ross, Jack Cole, Dan Woodfill, Mike Jungbauer, Township Clerk Diane Carpenter

**Guests Present**

Two residents attended.

**Approval of Minutes**

M/S Jack Cole/Marlys Balfany to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2021 minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Jack Cole/Dean Thompson to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2021 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Open Forum**

Auto repair business on Pinto was brought up by two residents, Kay Matras and Gerry Stenger. The resident is Josh Borgeson and he has been told that he needs to apply for an IUP if he is to run a business from his home. Mike visited him and told him the steps he needs to take to be granted the IUP. The neighbors complained that he has moved vehicles to other neighbors' properties and the problem has just expanded. They did concede that a pile of tires has been removed from the property and the issue of loud music has been somewhat resolved. Mike explained

that all residents must be treated equally and he is set to inspect the property again before the September board meeting. The 60 day extension on approving the IUP expires in October, so action must be taken before that time.

### **Public Hearing**

None.

### **New Business**

-Mike presented the members with a resolution approving the IUP for M&K Investments and Knapp cabinetry, now that the ordinance change regarding IUP's and CUP's has been made. Mike reviewed the restrictions which are listed in the resolution. M/S Jack Cole/Jason Ross to approve the resolution, with a few small changes. Motion passed unanimously. The Resolution will be presented to the town board at the September meeting.

-Mike presented the changes that he is working on for the sign ordinance to P&Z members. He included copies of the current ordinance, the changes he has made, and extra ones he is still working on for board review. A discussion was held about different types of signs, and whether they will require a CUP or an IUP. Depending on progress made by the September P&Z meeting, a public hearing may be scheduled for October.

-Sub districts and zoning changes will be put on hold until the next meeting.

### **Old Business**

Rum River Wild & Scenic Ordinance update. Waiting on Isanti County.

### **Miscellaneous**

Allwayz Auto is now in the Industrial Park. There are a lot of cars there. This is not allowed without a permit and also presents a

safety hazard. Mike will investigate if there are any existing permits for this property and will draft a letter to the owner.

**Adjournment**

M/S Marlys Balfany/Jack Cole to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Diane Carpenter