

**Athens Township Planning Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 17, 2023**

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the Athens Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM on August 17, 2023 and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Planning Commissioners Present**

Todd Christensen, Marlys Balfany, Jack Cole, Jason Ross, AJ Ondrey, Dean Thompson, Township Clerk Diane Carpenter and Mike Jungbauer

**Guests Present**

A few residents attended.

**Approval of Minutes**

M/S Jason Ross/Jack Cole to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Open Forum**

None.

**Public Hearing**

James Sanchez 24842 Xeon Street NW has applied for an IUP for a roofing business in an accessory building with lots of trailers. He is already operating the business without a permit.

He is currently fencing the property and has proposed a new accessory building. Mike has recommended that he work in phases, applying for a building permit and building the building before issuing the IUP.

Several neighbors were in attendance at the meeting.

Carey Wilson spoke on behalf of the neighbors. Some concerns included loud parties, noise, ugly fence, hours of operation, road traffic and nails in the road. The business is already operating without a permit. It also appears to exceed the three-employee limit for a home occupation business, although the employees do not work onsite, just transport trailers at all hours of the day. M/S Marlys Balfany/Dean Thompson to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Several questions and concerns were raised by the Planning Commission and it was decided that we need more info.

M/S Marlys Balfany/Dean Thompson to table the matter until they are there to answer questions. Mike will request that they come in and the 60 day extension will automatically kick in.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

- Todd presented a MAT document on the legalization of marijuana. It is suggested that we get ahead of the problem with tier zoning and not allow it on highway 65. We will include this discussion in the next work meeting.

-Extra work sessions have been scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

-Chris Vogt submitted some nice photos of his proposed building for his fabrication and welding shop.

M/S Jack Cole/Jason Ross to approve the architectural concept and allow him to move forward. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Jason Ross/Marlyns Balfany to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Diane Carpenter