

Athens Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2024

Opening

The regular meeting of the Athens Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM on August 15, 2024 and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Planning Commissioners Present

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

Guests Present

Three residents attended.

Approval of Minutes

M/S AJ Ondrey/Jack Cole to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2024 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Forum

Kevin Domogalla informed us that there needs to be a stop sign on 253rd and Davenport near the kennels. He has already spoken to Dave Henderson about this.

Public Hearing

Todd Christensen opened the PH for Andrew Petran who has a greenhouse for growing berries at 25297 Davenport St NE. He has 13.75 acres and is growing berries. Two of his neighbors attended and had good comments for the business. In the off season, he writes grants and educates others on these farming methods.

M/S Marlys Balfany/Jack Cole to move approval of the IUP to the board. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Marlys Balfany/Jason Ross to close the public hearing.

Old Business

New Business

-P&Z should have a framework of ideas for the comp plan committee to explore. Please come up with suggestions. There was also discussion on a commercial corridor on County Rd 9 which has been discussed previously. We should look at the previous comp plan for ideas. Jackie Heinen would like to chair the comp plan committee. We will invite her to the next meeting. We will be sending out a newsletter and will ask if people would like to serve on the comp plan committee.

It was brought up that Athens needs to have a rental ordinance. We will add to the septic ordinance that no spreading be allowed near homes if prevailing winds are above 10 mph. Also, we will add details about septage being spread on crops being harvested within 30 days.

M/S Marlys Balfany/AJ Ondrey to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Diane Carpenter