

Athens Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2024

Opening

The regular meeting of the Athens Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm on June 20, 2024, and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Planning Commissioners Present

Todd Christensen, Marlys Balfany, Jack Cole, Jason Ross, Billy Larson, AJ Ondrey, Mike Jungbauer, fill in for clerk Sandy Ondrey

Guests Present

Several residents attended.

Approval of Minutes

MIS AJ Ondrey, Marlys Balfany to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2024, meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Forum

Brian Hogee Red Barn Tool is seeking approval for Sunday Business hours from 8am to 5 pm. He brought family and neighbors for back up and approval. Board members discussed all members except Mike Jungbauer agreed, stating it needs interim use agreement with exceptions and "finding of fact"

Recommend finding of fact and emailing to P& Z members before July 18th meeting.

Shawn Olson building 40x60 custom garages, "man cave" (Townhome style) each unit to be sold to individuals, will involve an association.

West side of Highway 65 kitty comer from Green Barn, SketchUp attached.

Recommendations: pictures, better drawing, business plan, then return to P&Z and Board.

Public Hearing

- 1) Accessory Buildings 2500 sq feet for 5 acres or less, #5 in chapter 20 Zoning Regulations, motion to approve numbers as is M/S Jack Cole/Jason Ross. Unanimous approval
- 2) Chapter 20 Zoning Regulations

K. Accessory Buildings and Structures- Blue highlighted area (attached) with \$25,000 bond.

Discussion by members of Bond increase with increased size of bldg., flat \$25,000 bond or start at \$ 20,000 and work up to larger fees, for larger buildings.

M/S Jack Cole, AJ Ondrey. Unanimous approval.

- 3) Dogs-Animal Regulations Chapter 3 Blue highlight #12 h.(attached). Differentiate between Commercial and Residential: Want the ordinances to ALL be the same. Add private kennel and clean up wording.

Motion for Mike Jungbauer to clean it up and add Private kennel per conversation.

M/S Jack Cole/Marlys Balfany. Unanimously approved.

- 4) Chapter 20 other clarification and 4 in 40
Remove mistake "noncontiguous"

Motion to close Public Hearing M/S Jason Ross/ Billy Larson, unanimously approved.

New Business

Document for surveying commercial areas

Motion to adjourn 8:35 pm. MIS Jack Cole/Marlys Balfany. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Sandy Ondrey