

Athens Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Athens Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:18 PM on March 18, 2021, and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Planning Commissioners Present

Dave Beckstrom, Marlys Balfany(online), Dean Thompson, Dan Woodfill (on the phone), Mike Jungbauer, Township Clerk Diane Carpenter

Guests Present

Jason Ross

Approval of Minutes

It was decided that we would approve both February and March minutes at the April meeting as they were not included in the packet that was sent out and some members had not reviewed them.

Open Forum

None.

Public Hearing

None.

New Business

Mike brought Dean up to speed on the Jason Ross project. A discussion was held about raising the amount of materials being mined in the CUP from 30,000 to 250,000.

M/S Marlys Balfany/Dean Thompson to approve the new amount with the amended language that this would be under the New Look Contract. Also, New Look would be responsible for violations to the CUP. Motion passed unanimously.

Additional discussion was held about a noise study of the requested recycling plant and temporary equipment. Dean also had questions about dust control. These issues will be discussed at the next meeting.

-Ian Ebling is building a container house at 25697 Hwy 65 NE. He would like to put a large banner in front of the house giving YouTube info for learning how to build the house. Discussion was had regarding if this was allowed, the size we would consider if considered at all, etc. The question was also raised if he was starting a business. Mike just wanted to feel out the board and will have more info at a later date.

-Mike discussed the possible zoning changes to land along HWY 65 and near the town hall to commercial. He discussed having structure for zoning in place so that we have determined what kind of businesses we would like in the township, and where we would like them to locate. He presented a lot of good info to the P&Z members.

Old Business

None.

Miscellaneous

None

Adjournment

M/S Marlys Balfany/Dean Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Diane Carpenter