

**Athens Township Planning Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 21, 2022**

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the Athens Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM on April 21, 2022, and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Planning Commissioners Present**

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

**Guests Present**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

M/S Jason Ross/Jack Cole to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Marlys Balfany/Jason Ross to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Open Forum**

None.

**Public Hearing**

None.

### **New Business**

A discussion was held about the existing ordinance regarding permit fees and penalties. Peter Tiede finally got back to Mike regarding the language of the Ordinance. He recommended that the language regarding Administrative Fines and Penalties be changed to read “may be” instead of “will be”, leaving discretion regarding these matters to the board. Because this is just a clarification of the ordinance, the change may be made without holding a public hearing.

M/S Jack Cole/Dean Thompson to clarify the wording of the ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion was also held about raising some of the fees that the township is charging because we are paying more to have the work done than we are collecting in permit fees. The P&Z board gave input. Mike will send out a new fee schedule with the changes for the May Board meeting. The fees may be changed once a year.

### **Old Business**

Zoning along highway 65 was again discussed. Dave Henderson suggested that we fix the zoning issues that already exist in the township.

### **Adjournment**

M/S Marlys Balfany/Dean Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Diane Carpenter