

Athens Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Athens Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM on May 20, 2021, and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Planning Commissioners Present

Dave Beckstrom, Marlys Balfany, Dean Thompson, Jason Ross, Jack Cole, Township Clerk Diane Carpenter

Guests Present

Three residents attended.

Approval of Minutes

M/S Jack Cole/Jason Ross to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2021 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Forum

None.

Public Hearing

None.

New Business

-We will talk about septic maintenance permits next month as neither Andy nor Mike was in attendance at the meeting.

-A discussion was held regarding the sign ordinance Mike has been working on to set for a public hearing for next month. It was decided that it needs more work as there are ambiguous parts to it. Ex: commercial vs. business, signs vs. billboards, limits,

electronic signs or billboards, and distance. More discussion and work are needed.

-The issue of cabinet shops was addressed. Some discussion about clarification was held and Dave Beckstrom will speak with Mike about changes that were discussed. Also, the issue of IUP versus CUP was discussed.

M/S Jack Cole/Jason Ross to approve the ordinance changes to allow for cabinet shops with recommended changes. Motion passed unanimously. This will be a public hearing for June.

-Some discussion was held about zoning and sub districts along Highway 65. P&Z felt like sub districts were a good idea. We will work on the sheets Mike provided.

Old Business

None.

Miscellaneous

None

Adjournment

M/S Dean Thompson/Marlys Balfany to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Diane Carpenter