

**Athens Township Planning Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 18, 2022**

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the Athens Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM on August 18, 2022, and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

**Planning Commissioners Present**

Dave Beckstrom, Marlys Balfany, Dean Thompson, Jack Cole, Jason Ross, Bill Stanley, Mike Jungbauer, Township Clerk Diane Carpenter

**Guests Present**

Several residents attended

**Approval of Minutes**

M/S Jason Ross/Dean Thompson to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Open Forum**

A resident requested info on when 261<sup>st</sup> would be paved. He was referred to Isanti County as that is a county road.

**Old Business**

A discussion was held about commercial zoning on HWY 65. Mike suggested that this be held first as it would eliminate the need for other issues up for discussion.

Mike recommended that the highway 65 corridor be separated into three categories with five different types of businesses approved for each area. The southern section would include

industrial type businesses, the center section would include retail, and the northern section would be commercial, like construction etc. P&Z members were asked to fill out a worksheet with suggestions for what types of businesses they would like to see in each area, since only Marlys and Dean have completed one. We will set a public hearing for P&Z in October and present it to the board in November.

-We have extended George's permit application for the greenhouse 120 days from August 29<sup>th</sup>. Regarding the PH for the greenhouse, one neighbor, Jerry Ward was in attendance and he is in favor of it continuing.

### **New Business**

-Mike presented a map of the first phase for the mini storage and 65 and 249<sup>th</sup>, Dennis Sharp. If the second phase were to be implemented, the comp plan would have to be changed.

-The ADU issue was discussed, along with the RV ordinance which can factor into this issue. We currently have no dates in place for RV's. Both need to include size, type, acreage, septic standards, etc. Also, that land must be homesteaded, and ADU's meet zoning standards.

-A discussion was also held about possibly zoning some land as residential only, not ag/residential. Mike will work on a map with possible areas for this zoning.

### **Adjournment**

M/S Jack Cole/Jason Ross to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Diane Carpenter