

**Athens Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2022**

Opening

The regular meeting of the Athens Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM on September 15, 2022 and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Planning Commissioners Present

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

Guests Present

No residents attended.

Approval of Minutes

M/S Jack Cole/Jason Ross to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Forum

None.

Old Business

We are again having issues with Harold's Trucking/Nick Anderson on Monroe. He is in violation of several things. Too many vehicles, too much of acreage covered in hard surface, lots of heavy machinery in a residential neighborhood. It was recommended to deny the IUP based on no movement and now a lack of cooperation in working with P&Z staff. Mike will try to find out what other areas allow in residential zoned districts.

P&Z members drew out potential zoning areas on large wall map. North of 265th would be a general business area. The center part of the township between 265th and 257th would be a city/retail center, and the southern area would be zoned industrial. A discussion was held about possibly eliminating the IUP section of the ordinance, and IUP versus CUP or possibly neither. The board did not seem to favor that as the issue came up of restrictions. A recommendation was made to do the zoning now with a moratorium on building for a year until the ordinance update can be completed. Businesses were suggested and reviewed for each section. More work will be needed in that area. For the next meeting, we will have a public hearing on the zoning.

New Business

We received an IUP request from Adam Schwarz, 782 249th Ave NE to park an RV at his dad's while he builds a house. It is already there and is skirted and has a porch built on to it. We have received a complaint about the RV. His house is not being built in Athens and the board recommended denial.

Adjournment

M/S Marlys Balfany/Jack Cole to adjourn the meeting at 8:55.
Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Diane Carpenter