

**Athens Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2021**

Opening

The regular meeting of the Athens Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM on October 21, 2021, and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Planning Commissioners Present

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

Guests Present

Dennis Sharp

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes was tabled until the November meeting as Mike was not in attendance and the minutes in the packets were from August instead of September.

Open Forum

None.

Public Hearing

None.

New Business

-Dennis Sharp presented the Planning Commission with a proposal for an RV and Boat storage facility. He showed plans and photos of existing properties that they currently own. The address would be off 249th Ave NE. He proposed rezoning half of the 76 acres as commercial and keeping the rest ag/res for now

for tax purposes. Dave Beckstrom explained that the taxes are based on usage, not on zoning so if future plans include expansion, it would be best to rezone the whole acreage. Dan Woodfill felt that this might be spot zoning but other commissioners disagreed.

A discussion was held about height of the units, whether neighbors had been advised, outside storage, fencing and other issues. A consensus of commissioners was that this is the type of business that we would like to encourage in Athens township and Dennis should keep moving forward with the process.

Old Business

-Issues on the agenda of the Flood plain and shoreland issues were tabled until next meeting in Mike's absence.

Adjournment

M/S Marlys Balfany/Dean Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Diane Carpenter