

Athens Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Athens Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM on November 19, 2020, and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Planning Commissioners Present

Dave Henderson, Jack Cole, Dave Beckstrom, Marlys Balfany, Cindy Anderson, Mike Jungbauer, Township Clerk Diane Carpenter

Guests Present

Jason Ross, Dean Thompson, Stephen Lunak, and two others were present.

Approval of Minutes

M/S Dave Henderson/Jack Cole to approve the October meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Forum

None.

Public Hearing

Interim Use Permit request 20-04 for Jeff & Jordan Alfveby. This is the parcel that combined three lots to build and has lots of old cars on the property. A cleanup agreement was reached as a condition for the building permit. A \$10,000 escrow account was set up in lieu of a bond in case cleanup is not completed. One condition of the IUP will be that the escrow agreement needs to be cleaned up and be more accurate.

Resident Stephen Lunak asked if this car business would be ongoing. The answer was no. He also questioned if the other parcels can be sold after the cleanup is completed. They can. A discussion was held about conditions to add to the IUP before approval. These included getting rid of 9 cars per quarter, limiting the hours of noise generating activity, not adding any more vehicles, only family operators, fencing, and fixing the escrow agreement. If conditions are not met, the IUP will be rescinded. Mike will type up a draft of the resolution and send it out the P&Z members to review before the town board meeting. M/S Jack Cole/Cindy Anderson to approve the IUP with conditions that will be stipulated in the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Rum River Wild and Scenic ordinance update:

Mike is still exploring ordinances of other towns and studying requested variances that have been denied. By studying cases, he is able to come up with negotiating ideas for working with the DNR.

New Business

None.

Miscellaneous

None.

There will be no P&Z meeting held in December.

Adjournment

M/S Jack Cole /Cindy Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Diane Carpenter

