

Athens Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2023

Opening

The regular meeting of the Athens Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM on January 19, 2023 and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Planning Commissioners Present

Todd Christensen, Marlys Balfany (Remote), Jack Cole, Jason Ross, AJ Ondrey, Township Clerk Diane Carpenter

Guests Present

Several residents attended.

Approval of Minutes

M/S Marlys Balfany/Jason Ross to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Forum

Chris Vogt was inquiring if his property is now in the newly zoned commercial area. He also had previously applied for an IUP and it is expired as he never moved forward with anything. He had questions regarding how this would affect him. He would like to split his land to acquire bank financing.

M/S Jack Cole/AJ Ondrey to table the discussion until February when Mike is back. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

None.

New Business

-Two residents attended concerned about CUP restrictions for the proposed storage unit facility. They were concerned about lighting and turning lanes. They would like to be notified when this discussion will be held.

A discussion was held about the proposed ADU ordinance. Can an existing small house be designated as an ADU and a larger home be built? P&Z members weighed in on the size of an ADU based on acreage owned.

M/S Jack Cole/Jason Ross that the sizes should be 600 sq ft for parcels 3-4.99 acres, 800 sq ft for 5-9.99 acres, and 1000 sq ft for lots larger than 10 acres. Motion passed unanimously.

Other issues discussed, if a garage is converted to an ADU, would resident be required to build another garage? Then all residents would be required to have a garage.

Highway 65 setback discussion was tabled until the February meeting.

M/S Marlys Balfany/Jason Ross to adjourn the meeting at 8:27. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Marlys Balfany/Jack Cole to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Diane Carpenter