

**Athens Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2023**

Opening

The regular meeting of the Athens Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM on September 21, 2023 and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Planning Commissioners Present

Todd Christensen, Marlys Balfany, Jack Cole, Jason Ross, AJ Ondrey, Dean Thompson, Township Clerk Diane Carpenter and Mike Jungbauer

Guests Present

A few residents attended.

Approval of Minutes

M/S Dean Thompson/Jason Ross to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Forum

John & Cindy Anderson 26291 Chisholm had questions about how the new commercial zoning would affect their property if they put it up for sale. Mike explained that they would be in the Retail section and different options for that area. They also had questions about the proposed frontage road. Mike explained that many of these issues had not yet been decided.

Neighbors of Onsite Auto Glass that share a driveway with them at 25699 Highway 65 had questions about them expanding. Mike

had already warned them on Friday and it appears that they are building without a permit. Mike will check it out again.

Public Hearing

James, John and Juan Sanchez were present at the meeting to address the issues raised by their public hearing in August. They explained to the board how the business is run and that mostly the property is used for storing their trailers for the roofing business. They plan on painting the fence that they have constructed so that it looks better. They usually have operating hours from 6 AM to 9 PM. Neighbors still complained about the noise but that seems to be from personal parties and is not business related. They will continue to work with Mike regarding the size of the building that they are going to construct because of costs and timelines expected by the township.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- Mike brought up the issue of regulating sizes for accessory buildings on rural residential lots, as we currently have no restrictions on properties over five acres. A discussion was held but no consensus was reached.

M/S Jason Ross/Jack Cole to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM.

Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Diane Carpenter