

The Athens Township Zoning Commission
Regular Meeting January 22, 2020
6pm The Plains Public Library
Meeting Minutes

The Athens Township Zoning Commission met in regular session on January 22, 2020 at 6pm at The Plains Public Library, 14 S. Plains Rd. The Plains

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairperson Sean Jones called the Commission to order at 6pm. Commission members Sean Jones, Rick Fernow, Brian Dearing, Ken Robinson, Mike Hornsby and alternate Teena Thornton were in attendance. Consultant Bob Eichenberg was also present.

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES FOR 01/15/2019

Mr. Jones motioned that the minutes for the previous meeting appeared to be in order, and for the Commission to accept the minutes as entered. Fernow seconded.

Jones: Yes; Fernow: Yes; Hornsby: Yes; Robinson: Yes; Dearing: Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public in attendance

WEBSITE UPDATE

Mr. Robinson said that he had been in touch with Roman Warmke with Eden Marketing; uploading of content is underway. The site can go live once enough information and content is available to justify it. Mr. Dearing would like the website up and running soon for Facebook verification. A "Frequently Asked Questions" subsection was seen as the essential feature of the website. Google Docs was also discussed; it was deemed the best way to share documents between commission members.

ALBANY CODE; REVIEWING THE TABLES

The bulk of the meeting was dedicated to reviewing the reference tables of the Albany Zoning Code. There had been previous discussion about adopting similar tables for the Athens Township Zoning Code. The tables are seen as an easy-to-use reference for both the Zoning Commission and, especially, for the general public. What would be allowed or disallowed within each zoning district is the focus of the tables. While the Albany tables serve as a template, the Zoning Commission edited and revised the tables to fit within our own proposed zoning code and the realities of The Plains community. From entertainment facilities to agricultural usage, public recreation to livestock, the Commission debated the reasoning behind assigning a particular use within a specific zoning area. Simplicity within the tables was seen as a desired goal. In regard to animals, using the proposed formula from the state of Ohio was recommended by Mr. Eichenberg. Swimming pools were discussed at length, as well as fencing around pools for safety.

PUBLIC Q & A

No public in attendance

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Chairman Jones made a motion to adjourn at 7:55pm. Mr. Fernow seconded. The next regular meeting was scheduled for January 29, 2020. As an irregular meeting, public notice was sent to local media by the Athens Township Trustees.

Jones: Yes; Fernow: Yes; Dearing: Yes; Robinson: Yes; Hornsby: Yes