**ATHENS COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**ATHENS COUNTY, OHIO**

**MINUTES FROM August 10, 2023 MEETING**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

ATHENS COUNTY: Warren Jeffers, Neal Reynolds

ATHENS CITY/COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT **–** Jack Pepper

ATHENS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Charlie Adkins, Chris Chmiel

ATHENS CITY: Steve Patterson, Solvieg Spjeldness, Rob Delach

CITY OF NELSONVILLE –

VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE: Gary Goosman

TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE:

ATHENS COUNTY ENGINEER – Jeff Maiden

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**: Drew Daniels, John Kotowski, Don Gossel, Bryan Hinkle, Meredith Erlewine, Selena Cottrill, Amy Lipka, Scott Dunfee, Jason Pyles, Laura Olbers

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Upon determination that a quorum of at least nine (9) voting members was present, President Warren Jeffers called the August 10, 2023 meeting of the Athens County Regional Planning Commission to order at 8:02 AM. The meeting was held at the ACEMS Station #51, 21 Kenny Drive, Athens, OH 45701.

**GUESTS PRESENT**: Shawna Wolfe, Dominic Brook

**MINUTES:**

Motion by Jack Pepper seconded by Gary Goosman to approve as presented the meeting minutes of the July 13, 2023 Athens County Regional Planning Commission. All voted yes, motion passed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Today is the groundbreaking ceremony for the new 911/EMS Center.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* September Meeting: President Warren Jeffers, Vice President Jack Pepper and Director Laura Olbers will all be out of town for the September meeting. Commissioner Chmiel made a motion to suspend meeting in September and resume regular meetings in October.
* Ridges Updates: Guests Shawna Wolfe and Dominic Brook presented on the updated plans for the Ridges property. Guests provided an update on the Ridges Framework Plan, a comprehensive study of the current state of The Ridges land and buildings, potential future use, and public needs/wants. Future identified uses include residential buildings, commercial spaces and more, as well as the preservation of recreational areas.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* McClain Subdivision: At the August meeting, it was established that the McClain Subdivision would be approved given Health Department approval. Health Department has approved the plat. President Jeffers signed.

**CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS**

* **City/County Sewer Expansion Project**
* **Athens County Land Bank**
* **Broadband Expansion and Access**
* **Age Friendly Athens County (AFAC)/Amy Lipka**
* **SR 682 Corridor**
* **Appalachian Community Grants**

**PLANNER’S REPORT: Laura Olbers**

* Planner Laura Olbers informed the Commission that starting August 14, 2023, her in office availability will be limited. She will be responding to emails and returning calls but if you need to speak to her in person, you will want to set up an appointment. If you have an urgent matter, she asks that you reach out to the Commissioners.

**CITY, VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP AND ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS:**

* **Athens County Auditor’s Office**
* **Village of Amesville**
* **City of Athens**
* **Athens Township**
* **Village of Albany**
* **City of Nelsonville**
* **Athens County Engineer’s Office**
* **Athens County Commissioners**
* **Ohio University**
* **Athens County Economic Development Council**
* **Athens County Visitors Bureau**
* **Village of Chauncey**.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

There being no further business to come before the Commission and no additional comments for good of the order, on a motion by Jack Pepper, seconded Neal Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 8:53 AM.

The October 12, 2023 meeting of the Athens County Regional Planning Commission is anticipated to be conducted at the Athens County EMS Station 51, 21 Kenny Drive, Athens, Ohio at 8:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted by Laura Olbers, Director, Athens County Regional Planning Commission

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_