

ATHENS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
December 7, 2020

The regular meeting of the Athens Township Planning Commission was called to order on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 7:07PM by Chairwoman, Marion Carling.

Present: Clif Cheeks, Marion Carling, Rebecca Miller, and Jason Rogers. Ron Reagan and Zoning Officer, Ed Reid were both absent due to quarantine. Solicitor John Thompson and Secretary, Cindy Parrish were also in attendance.

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No one was present to represent the applicant for a 2-lot subdivision on Elmira/Clinton Street so no action was taken.

Comments on Bishop Brothers Construction Conditional Use Application

John Thompson told everyone that the Conditional Use hearing has tentatively been rescheduled to February 9, 2021.

Tim Gourley of Tract Engineering and Dustin Bishop were present to answer questions about the plans. Discussion was held regarding the plans and the site visit that the Planning Commission conducted earlier.

Tim stated that they are looking to mine approximately 300 acres of the 500 acre Minard property. There will be two types of mining operations. About 100 acres in the floodplain will be mined for sand and gravel, and the southern end of the property will be a quarry. As Bishop's is looking to expand their reserves, the focus will be on hard rock.

Discussion continued regarding permitting, environmental, floodplain, utilities, and surrounding neighborhood impacts and concerns. Meade Murtland from the Parks Commission was present and had concerns about the impact the operation will have on the trails and towers at Roundtop Park.

Tim addressed the reclamation process and noted the ponds on the plans will no longer be used in that process. The technical details won't be addressed until they can get Conditional Use approval.

Discussion was held about waiting to make comment until the January meeting, and they agreed to wait.

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Clif and Jason noted that it had been a very informative session. Tim noted that it's beneficial for both the State and the operator to do reclamation as they go along rather than at the end of the project.

Motion to table making comment until the January meeting was made by Rebecca Miller and Seconded by Jason Rogers. Motion unanimously passed.

More discussion was held other questions they want to address and meeting with John at the January meeting and to have John consult with Skip Schneider as needed.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 2, 2020 was made by Jason Rogers and seconded by Rebecca Miller. Motion was approved unanimously.

Chairwoman Carling adjourned the meeting at 8:42PM as there was no other business before the commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Parrish, Secretary