

ATHENS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

May 3, 2021

The regular meeting of the Athens Township Planning Commission was called to order on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:11PM by Chairwoman, Marion Carling.

Present: Cliff Cheeks, Marion Carling, Ron Reagan and Rebecca Miller. Jason Rogers was not in attendance. Secretary, Cindy Parrish, Zoning Officer, Ed Reid were also in attendance.

Chris Wood from JHA Companies was in attendance to present a Sketch Plan for Dandy Mini Marts, Inc. to build a drive through window at Dandy #16 on Elmira Street. Wood stated that he wanted the Commission's thoughts before submitting the Land Development. Discussion was held about parking, the kerosene pump, and traffic patterns. Wood asked if he needed to submit a full storm water report since this is a minor Land Development which actually reduces the impervious surface of the parcel. Discussion was held about signage and the possibility of needing a variance for the amount of business identification signage. Lighting and hours of operation were also mentioned.

Planning Commission said that he would need to address the kerosene pump situation and that Wood would need a lighting plan, sign variance, striping for the drive-thru aisle, a storm water summary sheet for Skip Schneider to review, and he would need an improvement agreement and guarantee for Final approval.

Cindy will ask John Thompson about the pending litigation regarding a previous sign variance and how it will impact a new sign application.

Chris Wood left at 7:59PM.

Resident Brian Mounts was in attendance and stated that he was there for the mine project and to find out what's going on in town. Discussion about traffic in town ensued.

Discussion turned to the Bishop's Bros. mine project, and Mounts brought up the issue of public opposition to it. He stated concerns about water quality, blasting, the loss of landscape, noise, bald eagles, and Roundtop Park. He also insinuated that, with as much public opposition there is to the project, it appeared that some public officials may be being paid to move forward. He said that he will work nonstop to prevent the project from happening.

Ron Reagan and Becky Miller explained the procedural process for such projects and the ordinance requirements. Cliff Cheeks further

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explained how the township is bound by the way the ordinance and regulations are written.

Chairwoman Carling adjourned the meeting at 8:22PM as there was no other business before the commission.

The next Planning Commission meeting is June 7, 2021 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Parrish, Secretary