

ATHENS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
January 10, 2022

The regular meeting of the Athens Township Planning Commission was called to order on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 7:07PM by Chairwoman, Marion Carling.

Present: Clif Cheeks, Marion Carling, Rebecca Miller, Ron Reagan, and Jason Rogers. Secretary, Cindy Parrish and Zoning Officer Ed Reid were also in attendance. A sign-in sheet was available for all others in attendance and is attached.

Officers

Cheeks motioned to appoint Carling as chairwoman and Miller as vice chairwoman for the 2022 year. Reagan seconded the motion. Motion carried with Carling and Miller abstaining.

Cheeks motioned to add a discussion about errors in the Zoning Ordinance update to the agenda. Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

IR Federal Credit Union sketch plan:

Jeff Nason from CEC presented a sketch plan for the IRFCU to be located at 15 McDuffee Street (the old Flowers by Julius location and adjacent lot)

Nason explained that this will be a 9000+ sq. ft. building with 5 teller drive through lanes and 2 access drives (one from McDuffee St. and one on Elmira Street that will be a right turn only exit). A site plan and architectural renderings were shown to the members. Concerns about the new zoning ordinance and how it will affect this project were addressed. Ralph Blowers mentioned that the move from Athens Borough would get them out of the flood plain. Visibility and a current lack of space also factored into the decision to relocate. Discussion was held about drive-through traffic and the exit only egress was held. Reagan mentioned that the applicant would need both a Land Development and a Subdivision (part and parcel) plan to be submitted. Nason stated that they plan to submit those for the March meeting. He also said that storm water will be contained on site, most likely through infiltration. Lighting and parking requirements were discussed. Nason asked for guidance as to how sidewalks should be addressed as our requirement to build 1' in from the right of way would force the sidewalk into the road because there isn't enough space. Discussion was held, and Nason was told that a waiver from that requirement could be requested from the Board of Supervisors. They are hoping to be in the building by the end of this year if all goes well.

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Meeting dates:

Motion to set the 2022 meeting dates as January 10, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 11, August 1, September 12, October 3, November 7, and December 5 was made by Miller and seconded by Cheeks. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Reagan and seconded by Rogers to approve the minutes from September 13, 2021 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

All correspondence was reviewed individually by the members.

Chairwoman Carling adjourned the meeting at 8:02PM as there was no further business to discuss.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Parrish, Secretary