

ATHENS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
October 7, 2024

The regular meeting of the Athens Township Planning Commission was called to order on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 7:02PM by Chairwoman, Marion Carling.

Present: Chairwoman Marion Carling, Rebecca Miller, Matt Cooper, Ron Reagan, Secretary, Cindy Parrish, and Zoning Officer, Ed Reid. Bob Petruschak was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. Stacey Sickler was also in attendance to discuss accessory dwelling units.

Applicants to be heard: none

Stacey Sickler: Stacey Sickler was in attendance to discuss secondary/accessory living structures on a single parcel. She gave a PowerPoint presentation. The slides from that presentation are attached. She spoke about the current affordable housing crisis, interest rates, and the lack of supply in the housing market. She noted that accessory dwelling units (ADUs) would aid in creating a supply of houses on the market. ADUs are currently not allowed in the township unless they are attached to the primary structure. She stated that Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae will now finance (with some restrictions) properties that have an ADU on site whereas they previously would not. A copy of the eligibility criteria is attached. Discussion was held, and the Planning Commission will look into the matter further.

Zoning/SALDO updates: The updates/revisions are not available yet. Discussion was briefly held about commercial and accessory solar.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2024, meeting was made by Miller and seconded by Reagan. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Correspondence was reviewed individually by the commission members and was noted on the agenda

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia R. Parrish

Secretary