

Au Train Township Planning Commission - Regular Meeting
March 10, 2022 - 6:00 pm, Au Train Township Hall

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance:

Vice-chairman Fillmore called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Jake Miller, Trustee; Duke Fillmore, Vice Chair; Bill Weisinger, Member; Matt Lang, Secretary

Members Absent: John Carr, Chairman

Others Present: Supervisor Michelle Douchette, Zoning Administrator Jason McCarthy.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: Miller

Supported: Weisinger

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: To approve the February 10, 2022, PC meeting minutes as presented.

Moved: Fillmore

Supported: Lang

Motion Carried Unanimously

Public Comment:

Supervisor Doucette stated that she would like the Zoning Ordinance to state that a Zoning Board of Appeals decision be documented by a resolution and/or on an "Au Train Township Zoning Board of Appeals Final Decision" form.

Zoning Administrator's Report

The February, 2022, ZA report was discussed.

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Unfinished Business:

Zoning Ordinance Updates

The PC agreed on an updated definition of Recreational Vehicle.

The PC agreed to remove Section 602(A)(4) - Duties of the Zoning Administrator which deals with requiring the ZA to keep and maintain the "Official Zoning Orders Book" and the "Official Zoning Orders Map".

The PC discussed subsection (C) of Section 1106 - Appeals which deals with how the Zoning Board of Appeals is to document its decision regarding an appeal. The PC decided to not require a resolution but that the decision be documented on an "Au Train Township Zoning Board of Appeals Final Decision" form.

The PC discussed subsection (A) of Section 1106 - Appeals which deals with the period during which an appeal may be filed. The PC decided to change this period to be within 30 days of the date on which the Zoning Administrator's report listing the appealed decision is posted on the township's web site.

The PC decided to remove subsection (A)(4) of Section 1006 - Site Plan Review. This language deals with the visual and auditory privacy of the dwellings on the subject lot.

The PC decided to include language in the Zoning Ordinance specifically stating that the Zoning Board of Appeals does not have the power to grant a use variance.

The PC agreed on minor tweaks to the proposed language of Section 415 - Required Screenings.

The PC discussed and agreed upon final updates to the township Zoning Map.

Secretary Lang will update the draft Zoning Ordinance and send it to Township Attorney Murphy for comment.

New Business:

None.

Communications / Announcements:

Several emails from Duane Newton were discussed.

Next Meeting(s):

The next PC meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2022 @ 6:00 pm at the Au Train Township Hall.

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Public Comment:

Supervisor Doucette expressed her appreciation to all for their work regarding the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved: Miller

Supported: Weisinger

Motion Carried Unanimously

Vice-chairman Fillmore adjourned the meeting at 7:21 pm.

Acronyms used in this document: PC - Planning Commission, ZA - Zoning Administrator,
CUP - Conditional Use Permit