

Au Train Township Planning Commission - Regular Meeting

October 13, 2022 - 6:00 pm, Au Train Township Hall

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Carr called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

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

Others Present: Two visitors were present.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: To add an item to the agenda for discussion of the Township Board's decision to increase the size of the Planning Commission from five to seven members.

Moved: Carr

Supported: Lang

Motion Carried Unanimously

Motion: To approve the agenda as amended.

Moved: Fillmore

Supported: Carr

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: To approve the August 18, 2022, and August 24, 2022, PC meeting minutes as presented.

Moved: Fillmore

Supported: Lang

Motion Carried Unanimously

Public Comment:

None.

Discussion of the Township Board's decision to increase the size of the Planning Commission

The Township Board's decision to increase the membership of the PC from five to seven members was discussed. Although the current PC membership understands why the Township Board is reluctant to rescind the membership increase, the PC membership would have liked the Township Board to have asked for the PC's opinion on the increase prior to making that decision.

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Zoning Administrator's Report

The September, 2022, ZA report was discussed.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Updating Planning Commission Bylaws

Several minor issues with the current PC bylaws were discussed. M. Lang will draft new bylaws to be discussed in more detail at an upcoming PC meeting.

Review CUP Standards Applicable to Short-term Rentals

Because of an expected influx in short-term rental CUP applications, the CUP standards relative to short-term rentals were briefly discussed. J. Carr will email the ZA to suggest that she inform CUP applicants that they should be prepared to address each of the relative standards at their CUP hearing.

Communications / Announcements:

Although not addressed to the PC, a communication to the Township Board from Duane Newton was briefly discussed.

Next Meeting(s):

The following dates will be presented to the ZA as potential dates to hold CUP hearings. All meetings will be held at the Au Train Township Hall and will begin at 6:00 pm.

- November 3, 2022
- November 21, 2022
- December 1, 2022

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved: Fillmore

Supported: Weisenger

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chairman Carr adjourned the meeting at 6:56 pm.

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