

Au Train Township Planning Commission - Special Meeting

August 24, 2022 - 6:00 pm, Au Train Township Hall

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Carr called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

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

Others Present: One member of the public was in attendance.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: Fillmore

Supported: Carr

Motion Carried Unanimously

Public Comment:

None.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion on amendments to the Twp. Zoning Ordinance / Zoning Map

- A discussion on the Right to Farm Act and General Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices (GAAMPS) resulted in the following:
 - The following definitions were deleted: Agricultural Activity, General; Agricultural Activity, Intensive; Farm; Feed Lot; Fur Farm
 - A definition for Agricultural Activity was added.
 - The definition of Hobby Farm was adjusted.
 - Agricultural Activity and Hobby Farm were included as principal or conditional uses of selected districts.
 - A new General Regulations section was added which incorporates Michigan's Right to Farm Act and General Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices (GAAMPS).
- A new paragraph was added to ARTICLE VIII - CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, Section 801 - Intent stating: The applicant of a Conditional Use Permit should be prepared to explain how the requested conditional use meets each of the standards listed in Section 802 - Basis of Determination / General Standards which are applicable to their request.

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The PC has agreed that their task of generating a list of recommended amendments of the township zoning ordinance and zoning map has been completed and offered the following resolution:

AU TRAIN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-002

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS AND MAP ADJUSTMENTS

WHEREAS Public Act 110 of 2006 - Michigan Zoning Enabling Act; authorizes a Planning Commission to review, plan and recommend Zoning Ordinance Amendments and map adjustments to the Township Board;

AND WHEREAS the Planning Commission has been thoroughly reviewing the current Au Train Township Zoning Ordinance and Official Zoning Map for the past 3 years;

AND WHEREAS the review has justified corrections, updates and changes to the Zoning Ordinance and the official Zoning Map, to reflect current land uses within the Township;

AND WHEREAS the Planning Commission at a special meeting held on June 8, 2022, voted to send their recommended updates to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to the Township Board for approval;

AND WHEREAS the Township Board, upon receipt of Au Train Township Planning Commission RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-001 from the Planning Commission with its recommendation for approval, at a special meeting held on July 11, 2022, reviewed the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments and Map adjustments recommended by the Planning Commission and voted to send them back to the Planning Commission for further review and consideration of the Board's recommendations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as of today, August 24, 2022, the Au Train Township Planning Commission approves and recommends the attached updates and amendments of the Au Train Township Zoning Ordinance and Official Zoning Map, to the Au Train Township Board for approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed amended zoning ordinance
2. Proposed amended zoning map
3. Summary of significant proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance

The foregoing resolution was offered at the Special Meeting of the Au Train Township Planning Commission held on August 24, 2022, by Board Member Fillmore and supported by Board Member Carr.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted

"Aye": Miller, Lang, Carr, Fillmore, Weisenger.

"Nay": None.

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The Chairperson declared the resolution adopted.

Planning Commission Secretary

Communications / Announcements:

None.

Next Meeting(s):

The next PC meeting is the regular meeting scheduled for October 13, 2022 @ 6:00 pm at the Au Train Township Hall.

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved: Fillmore

Supported: Carr

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chairman Carr adjourned the meeting at 6:46 pm.

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