

Au Train Township Planning Commission - Special Meeting

June 8, 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: Bill Weisinger, Member; Jake Miller, Trustee; Duke Fillmore, Vice Chair; John Carr, Chair; Matt Lang, Secretary

Others Present: No less than 17 visitors were present at some time during the meeting.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: Fillmore

Supported: Weisinger

Motion Carried Unanimously

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: To approve the May 25, 2022, PC meeting minutes as presented.

Moved: Fillmore

Supported: Miller

Motion Carried Unanimously

Public Comment not related to the proposed Zoning Ordinance and Map amendments:

None.

Public Hearing on the proposed amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance

Chairman Carr opened the public hearing at 6:08 and went over the ground rules for those wishing to speak. Secretary Lang read summarizations of emails received from Duane Newton, Kristen Seaberg, and Heidi Stevenson. The following spoke in person: John Delany, Bill Gramm, Dennis Gramm, Greg Prunick, Kevin Kolbus, Wyatt Seaberg, Barry Flavin, Jason Cain, and Cory Cole. Chairman Carr closed the public hearing at 6:34.

Unfinished Business:

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

The PC decided on the following:

- Make Hobby Farm and Agricultural Activity, Intensive as conditional uses in the TD district.
- Set the minimum lot size requirement for a shipping container at two acres.

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- Allow short-term rental as a conditional use in the LS/R2 district. (A voice vote was taken. Yes: Miller, Carr, Fillmore, Weisinger; No: Lang.)
- Allow short-term rental as a conditional use in the R1/R2 district. (A voice vote was taken. Yes: Miller, Carr, Fillmore, Weisinger, Lang; No: None.)

The following resolution was introduced:

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RESOLUTION Number 2022-001

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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as of today, June 8, 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.

The foregoing resolution was offered at the Special Meeting/Public Hearing of the Au Train Township Planning Commission held on
by Board Member Fillmore and supported by Board Member Miller.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted

“Aye”: Miller, Lang, Carr, Fillmore, Weisenger.

“Nay”: None.

The Chairperson declared the resolution adopted.

Planning Commission Secretary

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Communications / Announcements:

None.

Public Comment:

Comments were received from Melinda Van Stone and Mary Johnson.

Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved: Fillmore

Supported: Miller

Motion Carried Unanimously

Chairman Carr adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

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