

# **Au Train Township Planning Commission - Work Session**

**June 2, 2021 - 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.

**Members Present:** Jake Miller, Trustee; John Carr, Chair; Duke Fillmore, Vice Chair; Matt Lang, Secretary. Bill Weisinger, Member, arrived at 6:18 during the discussion on Consistencies of Section 701 / Section 1002 / Section 902.

**Others Present:** Five visitors were present at some time during the meeting including ZA McCarthy.

## **Approval of Agenda:**

M. Lang requested that an item be added to the agenda to discuss the Zoning Ordinance's appeal process. The item was added as New Business.

**Motion:** To approve the agenda as amended.

**Moved:** Fillmore

**Supported:** Carr

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## **Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:** To approve the May 20, 2021, PC meeting minutes as presented.

**Moved:** Carr

**Supported:** Fillmore

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## **Public Comment:**

None.

## **New Business:**

None.

## **Old Business (all items are related to the pending Zoning Ordinance amendments:**

### **Definition of Boat**

The PC agreed on the following definition of BOAT for the zoning ordinance:

*A waterborne apparatus propelled by paddles, oars, sails, or one or more internal combustion engine(s).*

*A boat shall not be considered as a recreational vehicle even though it has facilities that can serve as living quarters.*

### **Districts in which a Boat Livery is Permitted**

Boat Liveries are currently permitted only in the Lakeshore and River One district (as a primary principle use). The PC agreed to also permit Boat Liveries in the Town Development district via the CUP process.

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## **Consistencies of Section 701 / Section 1002 / Section 902**

The PC agreed to remove the phrase “that requires a county or state permit” from paragraph A of **Section 1002 - Site Plan Required** so that Paragraph A will read as follows:

*No land use shall be commenced or changed and no structure shall be erected or enlarged unless the person conducting such use or erecting or enlarging such structure has obtained a zoning compliance permit from the Zoning Administrator.*

The PC agreed to reword paragraph A of **Section 902 - Provisions for Continued Use of a Nonconforming Structure or Use** so that Paragraph A will read as follows:

*A legal nonconforming use or structure may not be enlarged without the approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals.*

## **CUP Standards to Consider for Short-term Rentals**

The PC discussed CUP standards specific to short-term rentals and agreed to add standards mentioning adequate parking and maximum occupancy. M. Lang will propose language covering these two items.

## **CUP Standards to Consider for Shipping Containers**

The PC decided that the following should be discussed when considering a CUP application for a shipping container:

1. Must be placed on a suitable, improved foundation.
2. Must not be visible from any public right-of-way during any season of the year.
3. Must be adequately screened from any adjacent property owner.

## **Appeals Timeframe**

The timeframe for appealing a zoning decision was discussed. No amendments to this timeframe were proposed. However, ZA McCarthy will propose language to include in the zoning ordinance which will enable past zoning decisions made in error to be corrected.

## **Next Meeting:**

The next PC meeting is a work session scheduled for June 21, 2021 @ 6:00 pm at the Au Train Township Hall.

## **Public Comment:**

None.

## **Adjournment:**

**Motion:** To adjourn.

**Moved:** Lang

**Supported:** Carr

**Motion Carried Unanimously at 7:24 pm.**

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