

Austinburg Township

Zoning Commission Minutes

April 2, 2025

Members:

Laurie Robishaw, Chair
David Gottwig, Vice-Chair
Diego Moreno
Clare Polak
Lisa Vicente
Teresa Gottwig, Alternate
Shara Parkomaki, Alternate (absent)

Also Present:

Byron Dutton, Trustee Liaison
Sarah Frank, Zoning Secretary

Chair opened the meeting at 6:10pm.

David motioned to approve minutes of the March 5, 2025, meeting; Teresa seconded. Roll call vote:

Laurie - Aye

Clare - Aye

Shara - Not Present

David - Aye

Lisa - Aye

Teresa - Aye

Diego - Aye

Minutes approved.

Zoning Administrator was unavailable to attend but had already given his verbal report to Chair that he had issued a couple accessory permits.

Commission rescheduled public hearing to 6pm 4/23/25. Secretary will send public notification and will update County Planning Commission.

Chair questioned the timeline and the necessity to schedule additional meetings. Secretary will send Chair report developed from a previous review of the amendment process timeline.

Chair prepared "Handbook of Info" for new Commission members to review and keep at the Township Hall.

Commission reviewed and edited drafted "Proposed Medical Marijuana Zoning Text Changes". Commission will continue to review and edit based on any upcoming legislation.

Commission reviewed drafted "Zoning for a Multipurpose Building". Chair cited Article 8 NC District's reference to "marginal strip development" as a question for Zoning Administrator.

Clare reported on different ideas regarding a heritage zone that protects the downtown. Commission hopes to review this issue soon.

Commission discussed proposed amendment to County Planning Commission regarding solar panel/systems in residential areas. Commission also discussed solar farms.

David motioned to adjourn the meeting; Clare seconded. Roll call vote:

Laurie - Aye

Clare - Aye

Shara - Not Present

David - Aye

Lisa - Aye

Teresa - Aye

Diego - Aye

Meeting adjourned 7:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Frank

Sarah Frank, Secretary