

Macon Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2025

7:00 PM

Call to Order and Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Dean Montrief called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call called by Secretary, Ronda Miller. Present were Dean Montrief, Don DeJonghe, Ronda Miller and Yvonne Cadmus. Absent Adam Smetka

Review of Agenda -

Dean Montrief

Important Dates

Next Township Board Meeting - February 3, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Next Schedule Planning Commission Meeting April 16, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Public Comments

Dean opened for public comment.

Erika A. commented on the smell of area marijuana growers and how the aroma was not pleasant for surrounding homes. Wanted to know if there was an ordinance for noxious odors. What are the rights of the homeowners.

Recommended Actions

Ronda Miller made a motion to accept October 16, 2024 meeting minutes, Yvonne Cadmus seconded the motion, all in favor yes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Updates to Zoning Ordinances.

-Deferred to next meeting

New Business

Proposed Portable restrooms ordinance.

a. Went over ordinance no 8-11-20 defining what "portable" means and when they should be allowed use and for what length of time.

Public Comment

Dan -Commented on the need for the permanent ones for the public/visitors. Asked about the differences between business, farms and residences. Do all homes have a septic system?

Motion made by Ronda Miller to approve recommendation to develop an ordinance for portable restrooms. Yvonne Cadmus seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Proposed increase in minimum square footage of new home construction to 1400 sq ft..

Current minimum is 1000 sq ft.

Public Comment

Resident at 1165 Mills Macon - commented on how this is affected by the Affordable Housing Act. Questioned the houses that are under 1200 sq ft. What does that look like for our community goals for families and older residents.

Mickey Gifford at 7275 Mills Macon - Asked how this affects Boysville, The Hive and Macon Creek. Is also inquiring about buying space behind the township for additional "green" space. Resident at 8281 Clinton Macon - commented on development of vacant land and how this ordinance would affect this.

Motion made by Yvonne Cadmus change the ordinance to a 1400 sq ft minimum on new construction homes. Ronda seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried

c. Proposed increase of new home construction to include a 2 car garage. Motion made by Ronda Miller to require a 24x24' building (garage) with new builds. Yvonne Cadmus seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

d. Review accessory building ordinance - went over accessory building ordinance (residential only) currently ordinance is allowing shipping containers and/or any type of accessory building. Commission is currently proposing to change that to limit the number of accessory buildings and not allowing shipping containers. Motion made by Yvonne Cadmus to develop a residential ordinance recommending shipping containers not be allowed as an accessory building and to limit number of buildings. Ronda Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Ronda made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Yvonne seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Ronda Miller
Planning Commission Secretary