

Athens City Planning Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 6, 2018, 12:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Athens City Planning Commission was held in City Council Chambers, third floor, at City Hall on September 6, 2018.

Attendees:

1. Call to Order

RJ Sumney called the regular meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 12:13 p.m. There was no one in the live audience who intended to speak before the commission, so administration of the oath was not required. Quorum was established.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

RJ Sumney, Chair Present
Christy Zempter Present
Nancy Bain, Vice Chair..... Absent
Steve Patterson, MayorPresent
Andy Stone, Service-Safety Director.....Present

STAFF:

Paul Logue, City Planner Present
Rick Sirois, Code Enforcement Director.....Present

2. Disposition of Minutes

Steve Patterson moved to accept the August 16, 2018 minutes. RJ Sumney seconded. Motion passed 3:0, with Christy Zempter abstaining.

3. Cases

**Case #18-09 Devil's Kettle
97 Columbus Road
Application for Revocable License
Patio in Right-of-Way**

Rick Sirois/Synopsis

The applicant is requesting a revocable license for the use of public right-of-way at Devil's Kettle Brewing. Applicant is requesting approval for the use of an approximately 20' x 24' concrete pad as part of an existing larger zoning approved patio.

In reviewing the Athens County Auditors property card it was noted that the right-of-way and property lines provided a unique notch off the corner of Columbus Road and Terrace Drive. During construction it was thought that the patio fell within the property lines.

Facts

Applicant: Devil's Kettle Brewing

Owner: Cameron Fuller

Right of Way Property Owner: City of Athens

Location of Property: 97 Columbus Road

Parcel: Property consist of several parcels, the effected parcel is A028200003300

Staff Review

Code Director/Rick Sirois: Patio is approximately 15 feet from the edge of the road, which is ok. In a B3 Zone.

AFD, APD, EPW, City Planner, SSD: No comments.

Steve Patterson moved to approve and recommend the revocable license for City Council to consider. RJ Sumney seconded. All present voted aye. Motion passed 4:0.

4. **Communications**

None

5. **Report from City Planner and Director of Code Enforcement**

Paul Logue

- Comprehensive Plan: Online surveys are available until 10/7. They will be starting the corridors planning toward the end of September; beginning by working with the consultants for the Stimson Avenue project. There will be an off-campus housing meeting in early October. An OU Urban Planning faculty member has offered her class as an opportunity to engage with students. They are also planning an open house in the Front Room coffee shop as well as holding an off-campus neighborhood meeting to give students the opportunity to comment. After the corridors planning and student engagement are complete they will begin writing a draft.
- There are constituents, unincorporated residents of Athens Township, looking at zoning for portions of The Plains area. This will be a point of discussion at the Regional Planning Commission on September 13th.

Andy Stone: One of the points in the news was about annexation to the City of Athens as a potential approach.

Paul Logue: Yes, there is a lot of land in between to make connections. The administration, Planning Commission, and City Council will have to look long and hard at that; the pros and cons. This has been discussed off and on for a while.

Steve Patterson: Concerns are utilities and safety services, to make an expansion that large.

Paul Logue: We have a new intern, Alicia Lundy Morse, who started last week. She is an Urban Planning student at Ohio University. She has been charged with coordinating the student engagement aspect of the Comprehensive Plan. She has already set up a meeting with Student Senate and other off-campus organizations.

Rick Sirois

- Will not be able to attend the September 20 Planning Commission meeting, as he will be attending the SE Ohio Tree Care conference.
- There will be a Communication item on the 9/20/18 agenda: 65 N. Court St. preliminary hotel plans/Cornwell properties.

Steve Patterson: Will Code be attending the November 14th Litter Summit here in Athens?

Rick Sirois: George Nowicki and Michele Fish will be participating.

6. **Opportunity for Citizens to Speak**

None

7. **Announcements & Other Business**

Steve Patterson: City Council recently adopted/authorized an MOU with DriveOhio in looking at autonomous shuttles. Athens could become a test site so there is more to come.

Andy Stone: Added autonomous vehicles to Pete Kotses' complete streets legislation.

Andy Stone: On Monday, City Administration is bringing forward to City Council changes to metered parking regulations and the code in the city to support some necessary changes that were identified in Planner Logue's uptown parking study. There are some major upgrades and improvements that we want to roll out around the first of the year.

The next meeting will be September 20, 2018.

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

RJ Sumney, Planning Commission

Patricia Witmer, City of Athens