

concerns about soil - citing difficulties experienced by Marianne's Chocolates & Cheese at the highest point. Mr. Seifert stated that architects take soil samples; Ms. Krysa disagreed. Laurie wondered why Commission would write code for architects or engineers. Trustee Haase responded that commercial prints have to go through the building code.

Ms. Krysa stated allowing a 4- or 5- story building would leave the township open to huge lawsuits. Rob stated the township already has a 4-story building. Mr. Seifert thought that a ladder truck from a nearby full-time fire department would arrive faster anyways than our township's volunteer firefighters. David said there was interest in a warehouse but it was over the limit. Ms. Krysa stated it can still be a conditional use; Clare replied that if the township is willing to give them a permit, it makes no sense to make them go through that extra step.

Ms. Krysa claimed the footnote in Article 8's AC District will not hold in court and recommended Commission should zone on districts rather than on streetline. Laurie and Clare discussed local needs vs. highway business needs and suggested they review to make it more clear.

Ms. Krysa stated Planning Commission has recommended for decades a corridor around Route 90, explaining that an overlay is easy to create and you can put it on an existing district.

Ms. Krysa suggested Commission take Planning Commission recommendations on the use of diagrams since they can be easily searched online.

Ms. Krysa remarked that 2023 Commission minutes are not posted on the township website and that this public hearing should have been posted on the website and out front, using the temporary signs recommended by the Planning Commission. Trustee Kusar explained that staff comply with law, citing the manpower needed to promote it further when attendance still does not improve.

Laurie motioned to adjourn; Clare seconded. All present voted aye. Public Hearing **adjourned at 7:15pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Frank - minutes approved

Sarah Frank, Secretary

Austinburg Township

Zoning Commission Minutes
September 5, 2023

Members:

Clare Polak, Chair
Laurie Robishaw, Vice-Chair
David Gottwig
Phil Miller
Shara Parkomaki (absent)

Also Present:

Jackie Krysa, Resident
Davey McFarland, Resident
Ted Seifert, Resident
Pete Haase, Trustee
John Kusar, Trustee
Sarah Frank, Zoning Secretary

Clare opened the meeting at 7:15pm.

Secretary read aloud the minutes from July 26, 2023, meeting. Laurie motioned to approve the minutes; David seconded. Roll call vote:

Clare - Aye

Shara - Not Present

David - Aye

Laurie - Aye

Phil - Abstain

Motion approved.

Commission reviewed public feedback and discussed how to address items of concern before submission to the township trustees at next month's regularly-scheduled meeting.

Phil motioned to adjourn; Laurie seconded. All present voted aye. **Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Frank - minutes approved

Sarah Frank, Secretary