RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of AUBURN TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION—PUBLIC HEARING ZC-2025-03 Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held 11010 Washington Street August 14, 2025 20

MEMBERS PRESENT: SCOTT BROCKMAN, JEFF PULSFORD, TED VAN HYNING, GREG LACKEY, ANGELA DAUGHERTY

MEMBER ABSENT: CHAD CANFIELD

The Public Hearing for ZC-2025-03 was called to order at 7:20 PM by Chairman Ted Van Hyning.

Mr. Van Hyning explained the proposed amendment ZC-2025-03 which was about storage containers.

There was a review of the letter from the Planning Commissions meeting of August 12, 2025. It was noted that the Planning Commission recommended "denial" of the proposed ZC-2025-03 and listed eleven items of concern. Mr. Van Hyning summarized a concern about treating similar uses similarly, potential to prohibit storage units as a building material, the one per acre limits some properties to none, allowing storage containers hurts the local economy, freedom of speech concerning signage limitations.

A discussion took place regarding the concerns.

It was noted that the Zoning Commission wants to keep accessory buildings and storage containers separate.

David Dietrich indicated that the proposed amendment was reviewed by legal and some modifications were made based on the Township's APA's advice.

A discussion took place regarding the recommendation.

The meeting was opened to public comment.

Tom Jones asked if the amendment applied to large solar farms or just residential. Mr. Van Hyning indicated it applies to large farms and Mr. Dietrich confirmed that.

He indicated that it addresses solar and wind farms not a small personal use. Mr. Bergansky indicated that there is a difference based on the kilowatts produced. Mr. Dietrich indicated that it is based on state requirements that the Township cannot limit.

There were no further comments on ZC-2025-03.

A copy of the letter from the Planning Commission will be located in the Amendment file for ZC-2025-03.

Motion by Scott Brockman to close the public hearing for ZC-2025-03. The motion was seconded by Jeff Pulsford. Vote: Brockman, yes; Pulsford, yes; Van Hyning, yes; Bergansky, yes; and Lackey, yes. The motion passed.

A copy of sign-in sheet for this hearing is in the permanent file for ZC-2025-03.

The meeting proceeded to the next agenda item for the regular meeting.

Minutes submitted by

Sarah Mulleman, ZC Secretary

Minutes Approved on:

August 28, 2025

Ted Van Hyning, Chairman

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