

Allen Township Zoning Commission

June 2, 2026

Attendance: Dan Kissell, Meg Powell, Deb Stacy

Meg Powell, ATZC Vice-Chairman, took on the role of Chairman due to John Timmerman's absence.

Deb Stacy, ATZC Secretary, read the April 7, 2026 meeting minutes.

24-04-113M Dan Kissell moved to approve the April 7, 2026 meeting minutes. Deb Stacy seconded the motion. The members voted and the motion passed.

Lucinda Land, Assistant County Prosecutor, attended the meeting. Cindy recommended that language be drafted for the zoning resolution to state the location, requirements and conditions regarding data centers and battery energy storage systems, BESS. Cindy also advised that the ATZC would need to hold another hearing, as was held in 2025 when the township was zoned, to change the duties of the Board of Zoning Appeals over to the Zoning Commission. This would also include a renumbering of section 1201 to section 1202 correcting a clerical error on page 13, paragraph 11, requiring a deletion of a duplicated phrase. Also included would be a statement of clarification regarding pools placed in the agricultural district with a definition added to the resolution for "pools".

The ATZC will need to schedule a hearing to discuss 2 amendments. The language for duties, the language for pools in the Ag district and the correction of the clerical error could be held at 7:00 p.m. The language for a data center and a BESS could be discussed at 7:30 p.m. This would require 2 sets of notices. If a revision impacts less than 10 parcels, then the owners would be contacted. The language to be considered does not impact less than 10 parcels, so no owner contact is needed. The zoning resolution is a "living document" so it is reasonable to allow for minor revisions, clarifications and additions as needed. It was recognized that more clarity and detail in the zoning map would be helpful. GIS, geographic information system, with help from the Auditor's website or County Engineer could assist with this map improvement. Hancock Regional Planning has provided the current map of zoned districts in Allen Township.

The next meeting for the ATZC will be held on July 7, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

24-04-114M Meg Powell moved to adjourn the meeting. Dan Kissell seconded the motion. The members voted and the motion passed.

John Timmerman, ATZC Chairman

Deb Stacy, ATZC Secretary