

Allen Township Zoning Commission

July 7, 2026

Attendance: Kathy McGrain, Meg Powell, Deb Stacy, John Timmerman

Deb Stacy, ATZC Secretary, read the June 2, 2026 meeting minutes.

- 24-04-115M John Timmerman moved to approve the June 2, 2026 meeting minutes as amended. The correction for motion 24-04-113M will read as “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 Zoning Commission over to the Board of Zoning Appeals”. Deb Stacy seconded the motion. The members voted and the motion passed.

Justin Kahl, Assistant County Prosecutor, was in attendance. Justin will be providing legal guidance to Allen Township due to Cindy Land’s recent retirement.

Deb Stacy stated the need for the zoning commission to formulate language pertaining to data centers and energy storage systems to add to the adopted zoning resolution book per the advisement of Cindy Land, Assistant County Prosecutor, at the prior meeting. She passed out copies of draft language pertaining to data centers written by Hancock County Regional Planning on behalf of Washington Township. John Timmerman passed out draft language that he compiled on the same topic that followed a pattern similar to the wind and solar sections in our adopted zoning resolution book.

- 24-04-116M Deb Stacy moved to schedule a special meeting on July 22, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. to review and write language to add to the adopted zoning resolution book pertaining to data centers and energy storage systems. Kathy McGrain seconded the motion. The members voted and the motion passed.

A Public Hearing can be scheduled for August 19, 2026. At 7:00 p.m., Zoning Commission duties will be assigned to the Board of Zoning Appeals; a clerical error will be corrected; and a provision for pools in the agriculture district will be added with a definition of “pools.” At 7:30 p.m., a Public Hearing can be held for the proposed language pertaining to data centers and energy storage systems. (A public hearing was held on in 2025 to correct and clarify duties, errors and pools, however, because Allen Township’s zoning status was revoked by Judge Jonathon Starn there is a need to re-do the process.)

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24-04-117M John Timmerman moved to schedule a tentative date for August 19, 2026 to address two public hearings held on the same date but at different starting times to correct and add language, as stated in the prior paragraph, in the adopted zoning resolution book. The data center and energy storage systems language will be addressed as well. Meg Powell seconded the motion. The members voted and the motion passed.

Dave Smith, Zoning Inspector for Allen Township, received an application for a zoning amendment from Interstate Capital on July 1, 2026. Interstate Capital is seeking a change in zoning classification for properties located at the NW corner of State Route 613 and Township Road 142. The request is for changing the current designation of Agriculture over to Industrial, I1. Information including maps and a list of contiguous property owners was shared among the commission members.

24-04-118M John Timmerman moved to schedule a Public Hearing to address the request made by Interstate Capital on August 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Center. Meg Powell seconded the motion. The members voted and the motion passed.

A special meeting has been scheduled for July 22, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. The next regular meeting for the ATZC will be held on July 28, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. This will serve as our August meeting.

24-04-119M John Timmerman moved to adjourn the meeting. Meg Powell seconded the motion. The members voted and the motion passed.

John Timmerman, ATZC Chairman

Deb Stacy, ATZC Secretary