

**RUTLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP / CITY OF HASTINGS**  
**JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**DRAFT May 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Members present: Wiswell, Graham, Hawthorne, Jarvis, Haight, Hatfield.

Members absent: None.

Others present: Raymond, Watson, Mansfield, Czarnecki.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chairman Hatfield.

Hatfield led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hatfield requested a motion to act on item 9 b. to appoint Jerry Czarnecki to serve as Administrative Secretary for the JPC. Motion by Jarvis, second by Wiswell.

In favor: Wiswell, Graham, Hawthorne, Jarvis, Haight, Hatfield

Opposed: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Graham, second by Wiswell to formally thank Jeff Mansfield for many years of dedication to the JPC. Many members expressed their gratitude as well.

In favor: Wiswell, Graham, Hawthorne, Jarvis, Haight, Hatfield

Opposed: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Hatfield asked for comments or questions related to the minutes for the December 19, 2018 minutes meeting of the Joint Planning Commission. No comments were forwarded.

Motion by Hawthorne, second by Graham to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2018 meeting of the Joint Planning Commission, and to receive and place on file notes from March 20, 2019 JPC meeting and the minutes of the January 21, 2019 and March 18, 2019 meetings of the Joint Planning Alliance.

In favor: Wiswell, Graham, Hawthorne, Jarvis, Haight, Hatfield  
Opposed: None  
Absent: None

Motion carried.

Hatfield introduced discussion regarding the agenda for tonight's meeting and asked for amendments or additions to the agenda in addition to action on item 9b. No comments were forwarded.

Motion by Graham, second by Jarvis to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting as amended.

In favor: Wiswell, Graham, Hawthorne, Jarvis, Haight, Hatfield  
Opposed: None  
Absent: None

Motion carried.

Hatfield noted that there were no public hearings scheduled for tonight's meeting.

Hatfield asked Raymond to present a report as the Zoning Administrator for the JPC. Raymond stated that sign on Green Street that was damaged by a vehicle is being replaced. An electrical permit is needed for internal lighting. Request to place fireworks tent next to DQ, permit may be coming in. Raymond asked if JPC wants same charge as temporary event permit in Rutland Township of \$50.

Motion by Graham, second by Jarvis to set the temporary event permit charge at \$50.

In favor: Wiswell, Graham, Hawthorne, Jarvis, Haight, Hatfield  
Opposed: None  
Absent: None

Motion carried.

Hatfield asked for a status report regarding the non-motorized trail and sidewalk improvements for master plan area west of Industrial Park Drive/Cook Rd. Czarnecki stated that there is no new information. Will address with next round of Land Acquisition Grants.

Hatfield asked for a report regarding sidewalk improvements and potential SAD along West State Street. Czarnecki stated that the project still being discussed. The crossing of the creek is the issue. It has been suggested by DEQ and MDOT to bring the sidewalk up next to the road and not deal with

a new crossing of the creek. Hatfield expressed concern with moving closer to the road, very busy and traffic travels at higher speeds. It was requested to continue considering bridge or boardwalk.

Hatfield asked for a report on the City's Master Plan update. Steering Committee is meeting on May 16, 2019 and a Housing Forum was held on April 9, 2019. Hatfield mentioned that there are two groups working on housing, City Master Plan steering committee and Chamber Housing initiative. Need to make sure not duplication of efforts. Mansfield suggested getting Rebecca Harvey in contact with Chamber. The focus of the Chamber is affordable housing. Needs to be a focus at all levels. The Steering Committee will focus on Infrastructure next.

Hatfield introduced discussion regarding possible options to address the coming expiration of the 1992 agreement between the City and Rutland Township for the provision of sanitary sewer service to certain properties. Mansfield stated that the attorney (Scott Steiner) helping with the agreement is now from Rhoades-McKee. Steiner is currently working to get up to speed on the agreement, not charging a fee. Plan is to model after Carlton Township agreement.

Hatfield introduced discussion regarding current zoning issues. JPC did discuss in March, but did not have a quorum. Rutland and City of Hastings have both currently opted out Recreational Marijuana. Rutland is planning to revisit. If Rutland opts in, JPC will need to address the ordinance. Rutland Township has adopted an electronic billboard ordinance. Discuss will continue at the next JPC meeting to determine if the JPC will move forward with setting a public hearing to address electronic billboards. The ordinance will need to also be approved by Rutland Township Board and Hastings City Council.

Hatfield asked for public comment. No comment was forwarded.

Hatfield asked for comments from the members of the JPC.

Graham asked if anyone knew if there were plans for the Save-a-lot property. Would hate to see deterioration of the property.

Hatfield asked for additional comments from the members of the JPC. No additional comment was forwarded.

Motion by Jarvis, second by Wiswell to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

In favor: Wiswell, Graham, Hawthorne, Jarvis, Haight, Hatfield

Opposed: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Jerry Czarnecki  
Administrative Secretary