

RUTLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP / CITY OF HASTINGS
JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION
May 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Hatfield called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: John Resseguie (Hastings City Mayor Pro Tem), Dave Hatfield (Hastings City), Robin Hawthorne (Rutland Township) Steve Pachulski (Rutland Township), and Tom Wiswell (Hastings City).

Members absent: Marti Mayack (Rutland Township), Sarah Moyer-Cale (Hastings City Manager)

Others present: JPC Zoning Administrator Stacey Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jones

Chairperson Hatfield welcomed Resseguie to the Commission and thanked him for agreeing to serve. Hatfield then led the pledge of allegiance.

It was moved by Wiswell and supported by Hawthorne that the agenda for the meeting be approved as presented. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

It was moved by Hawthorne and supported by Pachulski that the proposed minutes of the November 13, 2024 meetings be approved as presented. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

Public Hearings: None.

Staff Report: Ms. Graham stated that she and Hawthorne recently met with representatives from Consumers Energy about a proposed demolition and rebuilding of their facility on West Green Street. The time frame for this project is within the next year or two. This property is within the Urban Services District 3.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Flag Signage in JPC District: Discussion occurred on current regulations of temporary signage within the JPC District. Hatfield indicated that the City would be reviewing its sign ordinance in the future. The Commission also agreed to review its sign ordinance at an upcoming meeting. The JPC currently follows the fee schedule of the City. Discussion occurred on the legality of placing time constraints on signage.

Island 425 for Meijer Corporation: Hawthorne noted that the Rutland Township Board of Trustees had passed a motion at its meeting on May 14 to send the Island 425 agreement for Meijer to the City

Council for its consideration at an upcoming meeting. Following the City decision, the County, City and Township will convene to discuss next steps. Water would need to be extended from the Dollar Tree store to the Meijer site. Sewer would need to be extended from the Barry County Road Commission to the Meijer site.

Public Comments: Mr. Jones asked questions about the 425 agreement with Meijer.

Commissioner Comments: None.

It was moved by Wiswell and seconded by Hawthorne that the meeting be adjourned. All members present voting yes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Graham
Zoning Administrator