

RUTLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP / CITY OF HASTINGS
JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION

December 17, 2025 Minutes (corrected 5/22/26)

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

Members absent: none.

Others present: JPC Zoning Administrator Stacey Graham, Hastings City Manager Sarah Moyer-Cale.

Chairperson Hatfield led the pledge of allegiance.

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

It was moved by Pachulski and supported by Straube that the proposed minutes of the November 19, 2025 meeting be approved as presented. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

Public Hearings: None.

Staff Report: Graham informed the JPC board that someone was interested in submitting an application for mobile pods on the property between the Holiday Inn and Dollar Tree. It was discussed that this land use may best be described as outdoor storage which may not be compatible with the district. Graham said she would let the potential applicant know.

New Business: It was moved by Straube and supported by Pachulski to approve the 2026 JPC meeting schedule as presented. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

It was moved by Hawthorne and supported by Wiswell to approve David Hatfield as chairperson, Straube as vice chairperson, and Hawthorne as secretary of the JPC. All members present voting yes; motion carried.

Old Business: The JPC sign ordinance was discussed, along with the use of contracted services to support the JPC's work. It was noted that some of the text was recently proposed to be modified at their November meeting for larger-scale buildings. It was suggested that the planning consultant, Rebecca Harvey, be contacted to assist the JPC in reviewing the sign ordinance. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the JPC members to hold off on pursuing any changes to the sign ordinance for the time being.

Public Comments: None.

Commissioner Comments: Commissioners wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It was moved by Resseguie and seconded by Wiswell that the meeting be adjourned. All members present voting yes; motion carried. Meeting adjourned 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Moyer-Cale
Recording Secretary