

**Mt. Joy Township
Planning Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 8, 2016**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Terry Scholle, Chairman; Fred Lang; Vice-Chairman; Curtis Hawkins; Sindy Jennings; Ken Roberts; Sheri Moyer, Secretary

The Mount Joy Township Planning Commission met this date, as publicly advertised, at the Mount Joy Township Building located at 902 Hoffman Home Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Call to Order: Starting Time: 7:00 pm

Chairman Comments: None.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from February 9, 2016. Ms. Jennings moved, seconded by Mr. Lang to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Preliminary/Final Plans: None.

Correspondence: None

Other Business:

- Zoning Ordinance

- Landscaping Article Discussion: Ms. Smith began the discussion with the Purpose of this Article and then touched on all the other sections, i.e., Applicability; Scope; Street Trees; Parking Lot Landscaping; Stormwater Basin Landscaping; Planting Standards; Buffer Yard; Sight Clearance; Landscape Plan and Landscape Maintenance. Ms. Smith said that during the Board's discussion they would like to have plantings, other than species native to Pennsylvania that would be appropriate. A listing of non-native plants will be included within the article. Plantings must be four seasoned. She said when landscaping is required, the applicant will need to submit a scaled landscaping plan prepared and sealed by a registered landscape architect. All landscaping required shall be perpetually maintained by the property owner.

- Supplemental Regulations Discussion: Ms. Smith discussed the requirements that must be met for each section of this article. Those being Group Home; Hotel/Motel; Junkyard; Commercial Dog Breeding Operation, Kennel; Place of Worship; Recreation, outdoor; Restaurant, fast-food or standard; School, public or private, primary or secondary; Self-storage development; Stable, horse; and Veterinarian office.

- Proposed Zoning Amendment – Solar Farms: Ms. Smith said that the Township has been getting inquiries about commercial solar farms. The current ordinance does not provide for that use. The Board decided to move ahead and draft an ordinance for that use. The Planning

Commission members have 30 days to review the ordinance. Ms. Smith said to review the document and it will be on the April agenda for discussion.

Adjournment: Mr. Lang moved, seconded by Ms. Jennings to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri L. Moyer
Secretary