

**Mt. Joy Township
Planning Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 11, 2015**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Terry Scholle, Chairman, Sindy Jennings, Vice-Chairman; Curtis Hawkins, Fred Lang; Ken Roberts; Randy Bailey, Engineer; 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: 7:02 pm

Chairman Comments: None.

Public Comments: None.

Approval of Minutes: Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from July 14, 2015. Mr. Roberts moved, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Preliminary/Final Plans: None.

Other Business:

- Zoning Ordinance – Agricultural Article: Ms. Smith stated that the purpose of the zoning district is to define the objective of the article. Ms. Smith said the definitions in the draft are not the same definitions in the current ordinance. She said the definitions in this article are reflective of the most current laws. Ms. Smith defined six terms; Agricultural Commodity, Agritourism/Agritainment, Animal Equivalent Unit (AEU), Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO), Concentrated Animal Operation (CAO) and Normal Agricultural Operation. Normal Agricultural Operation is the definition of farming. All of the definitions are taken directly from the state law definitions and have not been altered in any manner.

Ms. Smith went on to say the township may have a pre-existing agricultural use which would be a non-conforming use, a constitutional right, to continue and a court created opportunity to expand but no new agricultural uses would be permitted. Ms. Smith explained a non-conforming a use would have to be the use that you have today. She went on to say the Board added a provision that should an existing non-conforming use farm be abandoned, under certain circumstances the normal agricultural operation may be resumed and it remains a non-conforming farm.

Ms. Smith advised the members this section covers approximately 1/3 of the Township and they should thoroughly go over the document and get back to her or the Board with any comments or questions.

Adjournment: With no further business to be discussed by the Commission, Ms. Jennings moved, seconded by Mr. Roberts to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri L. Moyer
Secretary