

**Mt. Joy Township
Planning Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 8, 2025**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Kim Birkhead, Chairman; Kenneth Mutzabaugh, Vice-Chairman; Ben Hawkins; Chris Burne; Ben Mearns

Also Present: Christine Demas, BOS Chair; Sandy Yerger, Supervisor

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. In addition to being in person, the meeting was also accessible by remote ZOOM platform. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Public Comments: None

Chairman Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: April 8, 2025; May 13, 2025 – No meeting; June 10, 2025 – No meeting
Mr. Mutzabaugh **moved**, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, to approve the minutes from April 8th, May 13th and June 10, 2025. Motion carried, unanimously.

Business:

- Commercial Outdoor Storage Ordinance – Discussion: Key changes included removing vehicles from the definition, extending the time frame for storage from 24 hours to seven days, and clarifying that the ordinance applies only to construction headquarters and tradesmen. The commission also discussed the need for secure, enclosed storage areas and the importance of maintaining fences.

Tim Mummert, who lives on Baltimore Pike and operates several small businesses from his home, expressed concern about a potential fencing requirement for his property. He clarified that he has two trucks used daily for a mobile tool service business in the Gettysburg, Hanover, and Adams County areas. These trucks are stored at his home and are only idle during vacations or annual tool shows. To address aesthetic concerns, Mr. Mummert recently planted a row of Green Giant arborvitae trees to serve as a natural screen. He also mentioned that there is some confusion around the term “tradesman,” noting that his business is not plumbing or contracting, it a mobile tool business, his trucks are in daily use and are well-maintained, not stored long-term.

Mr. Mutzabaugh moved, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, to forward the changes in section 2 to remove vehicles, from line 3, extend the time from 24 hours to 7 days, and in Section 3 - e. removed “and shall be covered” to the Board of Supervisors. Motion carried, unanimously.

Adjournment. With no further business, Mr. Burne moved, seconded by Mr. Mutzabaugh, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Moyer
Township Secretary