

Kearney Township Planning Commission
& Kearney Township Board Joint Meeting
October 20, 2025, Minutes

Call to Order at 6:00 PM EDT

Members Present: Tim Comben, Kevin Giar, Dick Jacques, Tim Murray, Cal Rix.

Members' Present: Ed Niepoth, Tim Comben, Michelle Valuet, Joyce Hagood, Stephanie Murray

Pledge of Allegiance

Conflict of Interest – None Reported

Moved Jacques, second Rix to approve the agenda as amended. Carried

Moved Comben, second Giar to approve the Minutes of the September Joint Meeting

Correspondence:

Email from Project IMPACC Community Update

Email re Damn maintenance

Elliott reported on new kearneytownshipmi.gov URL and email accounts. Planning commission will have a mailbox. PC needs to decide how to use it.

Public Comment: None

Reports

- Township Official: Tim mentioned Ed's report to the Board on the seminar conducted by our new attorneys.
- Zoning Administrator: Dan reported on permits issued in the last month.
- ZBA Official: Dick no appeals have been filed.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Zoning Ordinance Discussion

Giar moved to table action on the draft zoning ordinance and to forward a copy of the current ordinance to our new attorney for review and report of recommended updates at a future joint PC/Board meeting. Second Niepoth

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Public Comment: none

Commission Comment:

Tim Comben asked about Michelle's questions regarding new PC Email.

Jacques moved that the new Planning Commission email published on the website to be public facing for public communication with the PC and that either the PC Chair and/or Secretary monitor the mailbox. Second Comben, Carried

Jacques moved that the PC Chair monitor the mailbox and forward communications as appropriate. Second Giar; Carried

Township Board Comment:

None

Murray moved to adjourn at 6:41 PM EDT, Second Comben; carried

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. E. Jacques".

Secretary