

HARTLAND TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED WORK SESSION MEETING
MINUTES

July 9, 2026– 7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Fox called the Work Session meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Roll Call and Recognition of Visitors:**
Present – Commissioners Fox, Mayer, McMullen, Grissim, Mitchell, Murphy & Eckman
Absent – None
4. **Approval of the Meeting Agenda:**
A Motion to approve the July 9, 2026, Planning Commission Work Session Meeting Agenda was made by Commissioner Mitchell and seconded by Commissioner Eckman. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. Planning Commission Work Session Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2026.
A Motion to approve the Planning Commission Work Session Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2026, was made by Commissioner Grissim and seconded by Commissioner Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Call to the Public:**
None
7. **Work Session**
 - a. Backyard Chickens/Poultry Ordinance Amendment
Director Langer outlined the draft ordinance from the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission discussed the minimum lot size requirement to have backyard chickens and agreed to amend the draft ordinance to require a minimum of one (1) acre. The Planning Commission also agreed to amend the setback for 41-50 chickens to a fifty (50) foot setback.
8. **Call to the Public:**
None
9. **Planner Report:**
Planning Director Langer shared the Township Board's willingness to increase the hours for the Code Enforcement position to enforce requirements in commercial areas of the Township. The Township Board was not willing to amend their policy to accept anonymous complaints. Planning Director Langer also outlined that the Township Planning Commission needs to review the Comprehensive Development Plan every five (5) years and that time will be on a future meeting agenda.

10. Committee Reports:

None

11. Adjournment:

A Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Grissim and seconded by Commissioner Eckman. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM.

Submitted by.



Tom Murphy
Planning Commission Secretary