

HARTLAND TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED WORK SESSION MEETING
MINUTES

May 14, 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 May 14, 2026, Planning Commission Work Session Meeting Agenda was made by Commissioner Grissim and seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2026.
A Motion to approve the Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2026, was made by Commissioner Mitchell and seconded by Commissioner Eckman. 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 Ordinance Review Committee. Items discussed included the following:
 - Zoning districts that would permit backyard chickens
 - Minimum Lot Size Requirements
 - Setback from property lines for chicken coop and chicken run
 - Discussion on whether the ordinance should include all Poultry/Fowl or just be limited to Chickens.
8. **Call to the Public:**
None
9. **Planner Report:**
Planning Director Langer indicated that a new business was proposed in the Village of Hartland area. The business was a proposed dog grooming business. The Planning Commission agreed that this would be a permissible use in the LC (Limited Commercial) district as a personal service.

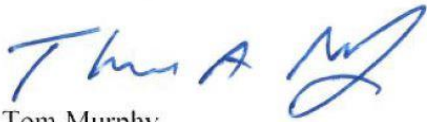
10. Committee Reports:

Member Eckman questioned the current Township Board policy on filing a complaint and wondered if the Township could accept anonymous complaints. Other Planning Commission members outlined their thoughts on this topic and also commented on increasing Code Enforcement in the commercial areas of the Township. Member McMullen would raise this topic with the Township Board.

11. Adjournment:

A Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Mitchell and seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 PM.

Submitted by.



Tom Murphy
Planning Commission Secretary