

HARTLAND TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED WORK SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024– 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 Eckman, Fox, Mayer, McMullen, Mitchell, & Murphy
Absent – Commissioner Grissim
4. **Approval of the Meeting Agenda:**
A Motion to approve the September 12, 2024, Planning Commission Work Session Meeting Agenda was made by Commissioner Mitchell and seconded by Commissioner McMullen. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. Hartland Township Joint Board of Trustees and Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2024
A Motion to approve the Hartland Township Joint Board of Trustees and Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2024, was made by Commissioner Mitchell and seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2024
A Motion to approve the Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2024, was made by Commissioner Eckman and seconded by Commissioner Mayer. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Call to the Public:**
7. **Work Session**
 - a. Discussion of Recent Legislation regarding Township regulations on the location of Renewable Energy facilities.
The Planning Director gave an overview of recent legislative changes that impacted local Township Authority to regulate renewable energy facilities. Director outlined a couple of options:
 - Do not draft a renewable energy ordinance and just permit the State of Michigan MPSC (Michigan Public Service Commission) regulate the location of renewable energy facilities.
 - Draft a CREO (Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance). This ordinance cannot be more restrictive than the state requirements.
 - Draft a workable zoning ordinance with similar requirements to a CREO ordinance, but may have some more restrictive standards, but it may still entice a developer to pursue local review and approval.

The Planning Commission continued with discussion on standards that regulate the location of renewable energy facilities.

Planning Commission Comments

The Planning Commission discussed the requirements for an application and location standards for renewable energy facilities.

8. Call to the Public:

None

9. Planner Report:

10. Committee Reports:

None

11. Adjournment:

A Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Mayer and seconded by Commissioner Eckman. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:14 PM.

Submitted by.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom A. Murphy".

Tom Murphy
Planning Commission Secretary