

**HARTLAND TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** *Vice-Chairman Newsom called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.*

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

3. **ROLL CALL AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

Present: Commissioner Newsom, Commissioner Hopkins, Commissioner Grissim, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Summerfield and Commissioner Voight. **Absent:** Chairman Fox.

Also Present: Mardy Stirling, Township Planning Director

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA:**

Move to approve the January 12, 2012 Planning Commission Meeting Agenda.
Motion Hopkins. Second Voight. Voice Vote. Motion Carried. 6-0-1.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Move to approve the November 17, 2011 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.
Motion Grissim. Second Summerfield. Voice Vote. Motion Carried. 6-0-1.

6. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Move to retain the same officers as 2011. Motion Voight. Second Summerfield. Voice Vote. Motion Carried. 6-0-1.

7. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** *No one came forward.*

8. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

A. **SPECIAL USE APPLICATION AND ASSOCIATED SITE PLAN NO. 503**

APPLICANT: HARTLAND TOWNSHIP

ENGINEER: HUBBEL, ROTH & CLARK, JON BOOTH

Permit the installation of athletic fields and a gravel parking lot and access drive for use by community athletic organizations on property owned by Hartland Township on the north side of M-59 west of Pleasant Valley Road (Parcel ID:4708-23-400-033 and 4708-23-400-034).

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 7:05 P.M.

Director Stirling: Summarized her review letter dated January 4, 2012.

Mr. Booth: Explained the engineering work being done on the project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Magan.Martini: (Hartland High School Student) Inquired as to how the township would fund this project and whether there was any archeological study done on the site.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 7:26 P.M.

Commissioner Hopkins: Explained how the township would be funding the project and the discussions with HAYAA, Youth Soccer and Lacrosse to provide for the maintenance of the fields.
Commissioner Grissim: Stated that she would like the engineer to look at moving the safety path further away from M-59 and decreasing the entry drive width to help control traffic.

The Planning Commission hereby finds that the proposed use is a seasonal or limited use facility and the applicant has provided sufficient evidence that the gravel drive and parking area will support the use; and

It further finds that the number of proposed parking spaces is sufficient for the limited use facility.

Move to recommend approval and allow the applicant to proceed to the Hartland Township Board for consideration of the Special Land Use and Associated Site Plan Application #503, based on the findings contained in the Planning Department Memorandum dated January 4, 2012 for property located on the north side of Highland Road (Parcel IDs #4708-23-400-033 and 4708-23-400-034). Motion Voight. Second Summerfield. Voice Vote. Motion Carried 6-0-1.

9. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:
A. REVIEW OF BYLAWS

Move to approve the Planning Commission Bylaws as presented. Motion Hopkins. Second Voight. Voice Vote. Motion Carried 6-0-1.

10. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Katie Legault: Wondered if the parking proposed would be adequate if tournaments were held on the new park site.

Myckella Sage: Asked why just athletic fields are being proposed for the park site. Stated that she felt other needs should be looked into.

11. PLANNER'S REPORT:

Director Stirling: Updated the Planning Commission on the progress of the Clear Zoning project.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Hopkins: Informed the commission that the Ordinance Review Committee is continuing to work on the goals identified.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Move to adjourn the Planning Commission Meeting at 7:53 p.m. Motion Grissim. Second Voight. Voice Vote. Motion Carried. 6-0-1.

Respectfully submitted by,

Larry J. Hopkins
Hartland Township
Planning Commission Secretary