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The Portland Township Planning Commission met on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Portland Township Hall for its quarterly meeting.

Chairman Ross Schneider called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Planning Commission members present included: Ross Schneider, Mark Simon, Michael Kolp, Kevin DiPiazza, Tony Dixon, Andrew Huhn and Julie Krzeminski.

Motion made to approve the March 4, 2026 Planning Commission minutes by Andrew Huhn, seconded by Mark Simon and carried.

One change to the agenda was made to New Business, which was the inclusion addressing current term end dates for Tony Dixon and Andrew Huhn.

There was no public comment made.

Old Business:

The planning commission revisited discussion on proposed zoning ordinance amendments regarding data centers. Nic Schneider Zoning Administrator provided a first draft zoning ordinance amendment for data mining and data center requirements. A couple proposed changes to the ordinance draft were addressed including lowering the decibel threshold level to 50dB, environmental impact study requirements, potential language addition for power grid assessment and its impact on township residents electricity cost, and reducing water usage from 500,000 gallons to 100,000 gallons; with a suggested language addition to include reclaimed water recycling system requirements.

Nic Schneider noted the proposed changes and will take them back to the township attorney for review and feasibility to include them in the zoning ordinance amendment.

New Business: Planning commission members Tony Dixon and Andrew Huhn's planning commission terms will expire November 2026. Decision whether to seek reappointment will need to be made by the September 2, 2026 planning meeting so that the township board can make motion for reappointment in their November 2026 meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion to adjourn at 7:36 PM made by Mark Simon, seconded by Julie Krzeminski and carried.

Kevin DiPiazza

Portland Township Planning Commission Secretary