

**Portage Township Planning Commission  
Minutes, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting, October 3, 2024**

Present: Cronin, Soldan, Anderson, Griffis, Boerman, Sherry, Stein

Absent:

Public Present: Ollila

- 1. Meeting called to order by Soldan at 5:00pm**
- 2. Additions/changes to agenda**
- 3. Review of June 13 Minutes**
  - **Motion to approve by Griffis, seconded by Anderson. Carried.**
- 4. Discussion Items**
  - **Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance (CREO)**
    - **Soldan gave an overview of the issue and the need, especially related to wind, solar, pumped storage.**
    - **Presented sample CREO offered by EGLE and MTA.**
    - **Setbacks, siting discussed.**
    - **Would not be invalidated by failure of Houghton Co. to pass a CREO.**
  - **Motion to recommend to the Township Board that the Township move forward with the sample CREO ordinance presented by Soldan, with a public hearing to be held at the December 12 or 19 Planning Commission meeting. Ollila will contact neighboring units to determine their interest in adopting a matching ordinance. Motion by Griffis, seconded by Sherry. Carried.**
  - **Zoning Administrator Information**
    - **Ollila presented on zoning matters for the attention of the PC. See attached.**
    - **Motion to strike "Alterations of existing buildings which do not change the footprint" from Section 12.2, item 2, F(2) from the Zoning Ordinance, pending the outcome of a public hearing to be held at the December 12 or 19 meeting by Stein, seconded by Anderson. Carried.**
- 5. No public comments**
- 6. Motion to Adjourn by Griffis, seconded by Anderson. Carried.**
- 7. Meeting adjourned at 6:26pm**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Will Cronin, Secretary**