

**PORTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 517, UNION, MI 49130
OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman: Dave Nagy
Vice Chairman: Ron Grotovsky
Secretary: Patrick Williams
Members: Rick Russwurm
Bob Schultz
Chad Niblock
Township Trustee: Leard Wylie

July 19, 2017 6:00 PM EST

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nagy at 6:00 PM. Roll was called with all members present with the exception of Schultz. A quorum was present. The minutes from the May 17, 2017 meeting were read and approved. Russwurm made a motion to accept the minutes, and Grotovsky seconded. A vote was taken, and motion was passed unanimously. The agenda for today's meeting was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion concerning conversion of Birch Lake Dock Ordinance from a police power ordinance to a zoning ordinance:
Chairman Nagy reported the township attorney, due to being out of town, has not completed the final draft yet. This should be done by the next meeting. A public hearing on this matter will occur at that time. Public notice of such will be posted 15 days prior to the September meeting.

Codification of township ordinances:

Upon the request of the township attorney, and in order to simplify and organize the current ordinance accessibility, discussion was held concerning the Planning Commission's desire to codify the existing township ordinances. The Commission feels this should be done and has asked Chairman Nagy to approach the Township Board concerning this issue and to get their authorization to do so.

NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence:

The Commission discussed a sign request from the Vandalia VFW Lodge #290 of Union, Michigan. Chuck Konnick, member of the Lodge, was present and discussed with the Commission specifics of his permanent sign request. Nagy made a motion to approve the sign request. Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Request from Zoning Board of Appeals:

Patrick Williams made a request, upon the recommendation of the ZBA, for the Planning Commission to review the current ordinances concerning accessory building size. Public input was received from township board member Tommy Harmon, ZBA member Diane Konnick, and Porter Township resident Robert Mueller. After discussion, the Planning Commission recommended that Chairman Nagy contact the township attorney for advice concerning options to possibly alter the existing ordinances.

There being no further business, Wylie moved to adjourn. Russwurm seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Williams, Secretary
Porter Township Planning Committee