

**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

November 15, 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 and Grotovsky. A quorum was present. The minutes from the September 20, 2017 meeting were read and approved. Russwurm made a motion to accept the minutes, and Williams seconded. A vote was taken, and motion was passed unanimously. The agenda for today's meeting was approved. Chairman Nagy asked for public comment on non-agenda items. There was none.

OLD BUSINESS

Codification of township ordinances:

Marcia Clifford of General Code introduced herself. Ms. Clifford is from Kenosha, Wisconsin, representing the codification company, General Code, of Rochester, New York. Ms. Clifford presented to the Planning Commission her proposal for codification of the Porter Township ordinances. After discussion, the Planning Commission decided to table further consideration until the next Planning Commission meeting. In the meantime, the Planning Commission will get feedback from the Township Board concerning how to proceed.

Proposed changes to accessory building ordinance:

Chairman Nagy presented proposed changes to the outbuilding size requirements of the township; GENERAL PROVISIONS for RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, Ordinance 111.500. After discussion, minor changes were made and approved by the Commission. The Commission then initiated the official general public first reading process and advertising as required.

Zoning Administrator Request:

The Zoning Administrator submitted an email to the Planning Commission requesting revision of GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS ORDINANCE section 111.501(a) in order to differentiate front and back yards for lake frontage property. The Commission pointed out that section 111.804 designates the waterfront side as being the front yard and, therefore, no revision is necessary. Secretary Williams will contact the Zoning Administrator to explain this.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Planning Commission meeting dates for 2018:

Third Wednesday of every other month, 6 pm, at Township Hall on January 17th, March 21st, May 16th, July 18th, September 19th, and November 21st

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

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Williams, Secretary
Porter Township Planning Commission