

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

Chairman: Dave Nagy
Vice Chairman: Ron Grotovsky
Secretary: Christine Northrup
Members: Rick Russwurm
Patrick Williams
ZBA Representative: Tom Robbins
Township Trustee: Leard Wylie

April 13, 2016 6:00 PM EST

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nagy at 6:00 PM. Role was called following the Pledge of Allegiance with member Williams absent.

Motion made by Russwurm, with support by Robbins, to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried.

After review of November 19, 2015 meeting minutes, a motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Grotovsky with support by Russwurm. Motion carried.

Correspondence received today from Porter Zoning Board of Appeals. The letter dated March 10, 2016 requests a review of the Township Accessory Building Ordinance (111.508) with specific concerns regarding the size limit applied to all zones, the total square footage allowed for multiple buildings and guidelines needed for new uses being introduced by residents.

No Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items were introduced.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

The meeting was opened for nominations from the floor to select officers for 2016 to include Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary. Motion was made by Wylie to nominate the current slate of officers be re-elected for 2015, which would include Dave Nagy as Chairman, Ron Grotovsky as Vice Chairman and Christine Northrup as Secretary. Support by Russwurm. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of the final draft for the Sign Ordinance 111.1204(b) verified that all suggested changes from the November 19, 2015 meeting have been completed. There was concern regarding the types of signs identified in (B) Agriculture , paragraph (3). It was decided that "Trespassing" signs would not be included.

Motion made by Wylie, with support from Russwurm, that the final draft be revised to omit the term "Trespassing" from paragraph (3) from (B) Agricultural, and then that revised draft for Section 1, Amendment to Section 111.1204(b) of the Porter Township Zoning Ordinance should be submitted with the Planning Commission endorsement, to the Porter Township Board for their review and approval.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas - Wylie, Nagy, Grotovsky, Russwurm and Robbins;

Nays - Northrup.

NEW BUSINESS

The Kennel License request was not finalized and presented to the commission at this meeting. There was some review of the requirements and procedures to acquaint the committee with the process if this item comes before the commission at another time.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The commission studied and reviewed information provided by members regarding the current ordinances regarding new watercraft uses and the rights of the public to use the waters of Porter Township. The commission needs to study the State regulations and Dept. of Natural Resources rules before considering any revisions which may be needed for the protection of our residents and the waters of our Porter Township lakes.

Motion to adjourn by Russwurm with support by Wylie. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Northrup, Secretary

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