

**PORTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMITTEE
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

May 17, 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 Russwurm and Wylie. The minutes from the March 15th meeting were read and approved. Schultz 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.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

The Township Board has appointed Chad Niblock to fill the vacancy left by Tom Robbins on the Planning Committee.

Correspondence:

The Cass County Zoning Commission accepted for approval the Porter Township Updated Sign Ordinance that was approved at the last Township Board meeting. The Planning Committee recommends that the Township Board adopt a fee schedule for the Township sign permit form.

Porter Township Dock Ordinance:

At the last Township Board meeting, the Board approved the updated Dock Ordinance to apply to Birch Lake only. Other dock ordinances currently in force will continue to apply to other lakes in the township. The Birch Lake Dock Ordinance was published for public notice on May 12, 2017. The Township Board further recommended that the Planning Committee convert the Birch Lake Dock Ordinance from its current police power status to a zoning ordinance status. The Planning Committee will conduct a public hearing on the zoning ordinance at the next meeting on July 19, 2017. The Planning Committee instructed Secretary Williams to notify Larry Pointer at the Kalamazoo DEQ office of the existence of the new ordinance.

Request from Porter Township ZBA Committee:

Williams submitted a request from the ZBA Committee to the Planning Committee to revisit the current outbuilding size requirements of the Township. After discussion, the Planning Committee requests the ZBA to submit to the Planning Committee proposed changes and/or alterations for the Planning Committee to consider. Williams will communicate this to the ZBA at the next ZBA meeting.

Michigan Township Association Conference Report:

Chairman Nagy gave a brief synopsis of activities of the conference that he attended along with others including Township Board members.

Grotovsky moved to adjourn. Schultz seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Williams, Secretary
Porter Township Planning Committee