

**PORTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman: Dave Nagy
Vice Chairman: Keith Kankel
Secretary: Laura Fletcher
Members: Tom Robbins
Rick Russwurm
Leard Wylie
Phil Yoder

June 8, 2011, 7:00 PM EST

In attendance:

Robbins
Kankel
Nagy
Russwurm
Yoder
Wylie

Absent:

Fletcher

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nagy at 7:00 PM.

After a review, R. Russwurm made a motion to accept the agenda as written. T. Robbins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of April 14, 2011 were reviewed and approved on a motion by K. Kankel and seconded by R. Russwurm.

There was no correspondence from non-agenda sources and no persons from the public were present.

Old Business

The minutes of December 22, 2010 were reviewed and approved on a motion by R. Russwurm and seconded by T. Robbins.

K. Kankel, as acting secretary, signed the Special Land Use Application that was approved at the April 14, 2011 Planning Commission Meeting.

R. Russwurm gave a report on the Cass County Master Plan training session of June 7, 2011. After discussion, it was determined the Planning Commission will continue to be involved with the County program, but much of what they intend to do is not pertinent to Porter Township. The Planning Commission would not commit to any financial help at this time.

New Business

The Planning Commission reviewed a request to recommend a possible new Ordinance to make the public boat launch site on Sunset Blvd. and Beechwood Road at Baldwin Lake a “NO PARKING” area. After discussion it was decided that a Township Resolution would be used instead of creating a new Ordinance.

R. Russwurm and D. Nagy reviewed with the committee what information they had received at various “Medical Marijuana/Marihuana” update seminars/sessions. The committee reviewed two examples of amendments to the township’s General Provision Ordinance 111.300 that would cover this issue. The Committee also reviewed an example of new stand alone Ordinance on “Medical Marijuana/Marihuana”. After much discussion on State Law, licensing versus zoning restrictions, “wait and see” moratoriums and what is best for Porter Township, it was decided that an amendment to the township’s General Provision Ordinance 111.300 was needed. On a motion by T. Robbins, seconded by K. Kankel, an amendment to the Porter Township’s General Provision Ordinance 111.300, noted as version 2 dated 4-5-11 as presented by attorney John K. Lohrstorfer of *Bauckham, Sparks, Lohrstorfer, Thall & Seeber P.C.*, be approved by the Porter Township Trustees. The motion was approved by all on a roll count vote.

There being no other comments from the members, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM on a motion by R. Russwurm, seconded by P. Yoder and approved by all.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Kankel, Porter Township Planning Commission Vice-Chairman acting on behalf of Laura Fletcher, Porter Township Planning Commission Secretary