

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

Chairman: Dave Nagy
Vice Chairman & ZBA Rep: Chad Niblock
Secretary: Patrick Williams
Members: Rick Russwurm
Bob Schultz
Tim Osborne
Township Trustee: Leard Wylie

November 18, 2020 6:00 PM EST

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nagy at 6:00 PM. Roll was called. Members present were Nagy, Niblock, Russwurm, Osborne and Williams. Absent were Wylie and Schultz. A quorum was present. The minutes from the September 16, 2020 meeting were read. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes, and Russwurm seconded. A vote was taken, and motion was passed unanimously. Chairman Nagy moved to approve the agenda for today's meeting and Niblock seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Nagy introduced correspondence from the Township attorney and Derek Haroldson that will be discussed under Old Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Nagy opened the opportunity to comment to people attending tonight's meeting. Residents of Shavehead Lake commented on the issue of adopting an aeration bubbler ordinance. Those offering feedback included Steve Murphy, Steve Kramer, Allen Newine, Dick and Debbie Howes, Deb Goldsberg, Dominic Deseowele, Kevin and Stephanie McQue, John Kerr and Scott Duemig.

OLD BUSINESS

The Commission discussed forming an aeration bubbler ordinance at the suggestion of the Township Board. Recommendations from the Township attorney were introduced and discussed. A letter from Derek Haroldson of the Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) was also discussed. After Commission discussion, Nagy made a motion to table this issue in order to get further clarification from EGLE and the Township attorney concerning jurisdiction of bubbler regulation until the next meeting. Niblock seconded, a vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

The Commission began discussion of adopting a lighting ordinance for Porter Township. After considering feedback from the Township attorney and general considerations, Nagy made a motion to recommend to the Board not to form a new ordinance for this. Osborne seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Nagy will consult with the Township attorney for options to modify the existing nuisance ordinance to possibly include lighting abuse restrictions. This will be discussed next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

There being no further business, Russwurm moved to adjourn. Nagy seconded, motion carried. Adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Williams, Secretary
Porter Township Planning Commission