

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

SEPTEMBER, 16, 2020 6:00 PM Est

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nagy at 6:00. Roll was called. Members present were Nagy, Russwurm, Wylie, and Williams. A quorum was present. The minutes from January 15, 2020 meeting were read and approved. There were no meetings in March, May and July due to Covid regulations. Nagy made a motion to accept the January 2020 minutes, and Russwurm seconded. A vote was taken, and motion passed unanimously. Chairman Nagy moved to approve the agenda for today's meeting and Williams seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received by the township from John and Lois Birch, residents of Shavehead lake, requesting the Planning Commission address the issue of anti-ice bubbler mechanisms.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no comment from the people present on non-agenda items.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Robert Parrish addressed the commission concerning adopting a lighting ordinance for Porter Township. He presented a video that discussed various options to enable environmentally friendly exterior electric lighting. Mr. Parrish is a Cass County Parks Board member and member of the International Dark Sky Association. Vickie Hall, Porter Township resident, was also present in support of a Township lighting ordinance. After discussion the Commission directed Chairman Nagy to contact the Township attorney to determine the best direction to proceed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Jamie Thompson of Shavehead Lake presented the letter from John and Lois Birch to the Commission. Mr. Thompson spoke to the Commission concerning his support for an ordinance to regulate the use of anti-ice bubbler mechanisms. The Commission will approach the township Board concerning this issue and will wait for the Township Board for direction as to how to proceed.

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

Adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Williams, Secretary

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