

**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
Vickie Hall
Katrina Barhydt
Township Trustee: Leard Wylie

July 21, 2021 6:00 PM EST

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nagy at 6:00 PM. Roll was called. All members were present, therefore there was a quorum. Russwurm moved to approve the agenda for today's meeting and Hall seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes from the May 19, 2021 meeting were read. Niblock made a motion to accept the minutes, and Hall seconded. A vote was taken, and motion was passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Nagy reported no correspondence since the last meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Nagy opened the discussion of a possible pier bubbler ordinance by requesting feedback from commission members who have done research and the public attending the meeting. Vickie Hall relayed her discussion with Mr. Blake Winstead from the Kalamazoo office of EGLE, indicating that in general Mr. Winstead felt bubblers were not good for our township lakes. Members of the public who provided input concerning environmental issues, riparian rights, and personal feelings were Kevin McQue, Jamie Thompson, Brittany Marlowe, and Jack DeLee. Chairman Nagy closed the discussion and indicated that the Township Board is in the process of reviewing the results of the bubbler survey that was sent to all of the homeowners associations of all Porter Township lakes. Therefore, the Planning Commission is waiting for the Township Board to make a decision either to direct the Commission to write a bubbler ordinance for their approval or to cancel the consideration of an ordinance altogether.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Nagy recognized attorney Laura E. Volkmann, J.D. of Kalamazoo representing Stephen Hamacher, who was also present. Mr. Hamacher owns Shady Point Campground on Bair Lake. Ms. Volkmann detailed a proposed conversion of part of the campground to a planned condominium project of 82 units. This would require Porter Township to grant a zoning variance and site approval. Also present was Mr. Keith Griffiths, president of the Bair Lake Homeowners Association. General discussion was had concerning details of the project. Chairman Nagy will contact the Porter Township attorney for an opinion. Nagy also recommended that Ms. Volkmann contact the township attorney directly.

There being no further business, Williams moved to adjourn. Russwurm seconded, motion carried unanimously.
Adjourned at 7:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Williams, Secretary
Porter Township Planning Commission