

**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

May 18, 2022 6:00 PM EST

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nagy at 6:00 PM. Secretary Williams took roll call. All members were present except Chad Niblock and Leard Wylie, 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 March 16, 2022 meeting were read. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes, and Russwurm seconded. A vote was taken, and motion was passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Nagy reported no correspondence since the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Nagy informed the Commission that the Porter Township Board has requested the Commission to change the current zoning ordinance that addresses extreme artificial exterior lighting to a nuisance ordinance which would be a police power enforcement. Chairman Nagy is currently working with the township attorney to accomplish a rough draft for Commission review.

Chairman Nagy introduced Robert Parrish, a member of the Cass County Park Board and dark sky advocate. Mr. Parrish gave a presentation of various lighting options that would reduce intensity of exterior lighting thereby helping reduce light pollution.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Charlie Fish and Mr. Larry Phillie of Shavehead Lake were present and had various questions concerning processes of changing existing ordinances along with concerns about township functions and processes. After some back and forth discussion with the Commission, Chairman Nagy referred Mr. Fish to the township website for reading the existing ordinances and answering his concerns.

There being no further business, Russwurm moved to adjourn. Hall seconded, motion carried unanimously. Adjourned at 7:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Williams, Secretary
Porter Township Planning Commission