

Porter Township  
January 2019  
Regular Meeting Minutes

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**Roll Call:** 7:00

**Members Present:** David Kindt, John Miller, Andy Nesbitt, Heather Smith, Doug Noble, Jr., Denny Owen, Tim Seppala, Steve Cornish, Tanya Blanchard

**Members Not Present:**

**Zoning Administrator:** Rich McGrew present.

**Approval of Last Months Minutes:** Andy Nesbitt approves the December Regular meeting minutes, Heather Smith seconds and December regular meeting minutes are approved as presented.

**Additions to Agenda** – Add: Set calendar in New Business.

**Correspondence-** None per Chairmen, Secretary and Vice Chairmen.

**Board Liaison Report** – Per Andy Nesbitt, the board has been in discussion in regards to the Special Use Permit Section and permitted uses (Commercial District).

**Citizens Comments:** None.

**New Business:**

A. New Business

1. Set the calendar, Andy Nesbitt makes a motion to set the calendar, Tim Seppala seconds :

**First Wednesday of each month with the exception of moving the July 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2019 meeting to June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and January 1, 2020 meeting to January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

**Old Business:**

A. Special Use Permit Section (Commercial)

1. Andy Nesbitt, board liaison, pointed out how the board, on Harold Schuitmaker's, (township attorney) suggestion is looking at separating the special use section on low impact and high impact special exception categories. Low Impact requires the zoning administrator approval with a site plan, while High impact would entail planning commission approval of the site plan. So essentially the Commercial District will be divided into 3 categories: Permitted uses, low impact, and finally high impact.

2. A discussion followed on the two sub categories of special exception uses. Day cares and rehabilitation locations were mentioned but it was deemed that those have enough oversight and state regulation already and not something necessary for local oversight.

3. It is suggested that all the restaurant and tavern items in the new High Impact area be consolidated and move the # 15 from permitted uses with it as well so that these items – which are all similar – are consolidated and in the same section. There was a discussion that some of the items

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needed clarification as initially there was some confusion and redundancy.

**ZBOA Report** – Rich McGrew, one situation on Gravel Lake that required an additional window of time for meeting to occur.

**Zoning Administrator Report:** Rich McGrew, brought up the new communication tower agreement has gone through Harold Schuitmaker's office.

**Adjournment-** Steve Cornish motions, John Miller seconds, meeting adjourned 7:50. Next meeting will be February 6, 2019.

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