

Porter Township
Planning Commission
July Regular Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2019

Start Time : Meeting began at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Doug Noble, Jr., Heather Smith, Andrew Nesbitt, David Kindt, Tim Seppala, Dennis Owen, John Miller

Members Absent: Tanya Blanchard, Steve Cornish

Zoning Administrator : Rich McGrew, not present

Approval of Minutes : Dennis Owen motions to approve the June Regular Meeting Minutes as written, Heather Smith seconds. June Regular Meeting Minutes approved as written.

Additions to Agenda : None

Correspondence : None.

Citizens Comments : None.

Board Report : Andy Nesbitt, township treasurer and liaison to the Planning Commission, said that the board is tasking the planning commission with an ordinance that deals with the ORV's and golf carts.

New Business : Golf Carts / ORV ordinance.

Doug Noble provided copies of 3 nearby township ordinances that deal with the golf cart and ORV ordinance: Lawrence, Village of Lawton, and Paw Paw Township. The Planning commission went through a series of discussions. Many of the discussions centered around age requirements, SMV signs, equipment, what vehicles, times and roads. The Planning Commission is leaning towards the Paw Paw ordinance but it will require more tailor fitting for Porter. The commission decided that we will need more time to go through the ordinances and determine what to include, what to change and what to exclude. Doug Noble mentioned that we should draft a "wish list" and then have the township attorney put words to it. Andy Nesbitt will check with the board to see if there are certain roads that they want "off limits" or closed to this type of vehicle traffic.

Old Business : Old business is closed until discussion warrants.

Zoning Administrator report: No report, Rich McGrew not present. No new action.

Adjournment : John Miller motions to adjourn, Tim Seppala seconds, meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Next Meeting : August 7, 2019