

Porter Township Planning Commission
Wednesday, September 4, 2019
Meeting : NO Quorum present

Briefing:

A quorum of members were not present to call an official meeting to order on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

Members Present : John Miller, David Kindt, Doug Noble, Jr., Heather Smith.

Zoning Administrator Rich McGrew was present.

Chairman Doug Noble, Jr. waited until 7:05 and determined that an official meeting cannot be called, nor any business discussed.

A citizen was present and Chairman Noble allowed the citizen to have the floor with the understanding there is not an official planning commission meeting due to the lack of a quorum. The citizen understood.

The citizen is a concerned resident of CR 652 and for notes/minutes purposes wanted to remain anonymous due to the nature of their attendance.

They began explaining the situation that is occurring on the 93000 section of CR652 and the concerns everyone on the street has. There is an individual that rents a house located on CR652 that runs his semi trailer for hours at a time. Citizens have complained about gun shots at all hours of the day and evening.

This resident has taken these complaints to the authorities who referred him to the local township board as the authorities cannot do anything.

It was noted that there are several semi trailers parked on the property and could be using the property as a base for his business. It was not known at this time. The resident has called the company listed on the side of the trailers, based out of Gary, IN and they cannot do anything. The resident then took this to Chris Oxley, township supervisor, who did visit on at least two occasions and witnessed the same behaviors and activities exhibited by this individual. Rich McGrew spoke with Mr. Oxley and did also corroborate the information presented by the concerned citizen from the meeting.

We - the planning commission - then explained to this concerned resident that we are a recommending board and even if we were in session/meeting, do not have the authority to help them. We then advised the resident to attend next Wednesday's township board meeting where - in attendance - will be the township supervisor, the township attorney, and a representative from the county police department.

The concerned citizen was looking for action/answers and although the planning commission could not answer his questions, we did nonetheless, provide some direction to having his concerns heard in the correct agenda/platform.

Respectfully submitted,

David Kindt
Secretary