

Porter Township
Planning Commission
November Regular Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2019

Roll Call: 7:00

Members Present: Doug Noble, Jr., John Miller, Dennis Owen, Tonya Blanchard, Heather Smith

Members Not Present: David Kindt, Andrew Nesbitt, Steve Cornish, Tim Seppala

Zoning Administrator: Rich McGrew, present

Approval of Minutes: Dennis Owen motioned to approve the October Regular meeting minutes, John Miller seconds. October regular meeting minutes are approved as written.

Additions to Agenda – None.

Motion to accept agenda as written made by Heather Smith. John Miller seconds and agenda approved as written.

Correspondence- None.

Board Liaison Report – Andrew Nesbitt, township treasurer and liaison to the Planning Commission, absent. No report.

Citizens Comments: None present.

New Business: No new business.

Old Business : ORV ordinance. Harold Schuitmaker, township attorney, is reviewing our proposed ordinance. We will wait to hear from his office on his recommendations, clarifications, and necessary updates.

Zoning Admin Report – Rich McGrew, Zoning Administrator, reported that there have been ongoing complaints about a park model trailer that has been put on a piece of lake residential property in our township. The trailer is considered a recreational vehicle and has a title, VIN, and valid trailer plate. Rich stated that this was discussed at last month's board meeting, and there may be a need for an ordinance addressing such things in the township, possibly a width restriction in the existing Recreational Vehicle ordinance to limit park models from being placed between homes, specifically on lake residential properties.

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Discussion that park model trailers and recreational vehicles do not fall under our current ordinance for minimum size requirements in our site development standards. Further discussion that since the park model is considered a recreational vehicle, it may fall under our current ordinance 4.06 (6) for Temporary Dwellings, stating that recreational vehicles shall be permitted for a period of time not to exceed 30 days in any consecutive 12 month period. These were just discussion topics, we will not update or add ordinances until instructed by the Board to do so. Rich McGrew indicated that Harold Schuitmaker, township attorney, was at last month's Board meeting and was looking into how and if our current ordinances apply to this situation.

Adjournment- John Miller motions, Dennis Owen seconds, meeting adjourned 7:55 pm

Next meeting: December 4, 2019 at 7pm.
