

Porter Township  
Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2020

**Start Time :** Meeting began at 7:00 pm.

**Members Present:** Doug Noble, Jr., Heather Smith, Andrew Nesbitt, David Kindt, Jerry Fuentes, Tanya Blanchard, Tim Seppala, John Miller

**Members Absent:** Steve Cornish

**Zoning Administrator :** Rich McGrew

**Approval of Agenda :** Andrew Nesbitt approves, Tanya Blanchard seconds, all in favor, agenda approved as written.

**Approval of Minutes :** Andrew Nesbitt motions to approve the February Regular Meeting Minutes as written, Heather Smith seconds. February Regular Meeting Minutes approved as written.

**Additions to Agenda :** None

**Correspondence :** None.

**Citizens Comments :** Marilyn Murphy, lives in Paw Paw, and purchased the old Erickson's Garage near Lawton. She would like to put in a marijuana growing facility. Seeking a 500 plant license. Would like to be able to grow recreational marijuana to be able to supply their affiliate provisional center in Breedsville. Currently, can only grow medicinal marijuana because of the location within Porter Township.

**Board Report :** Andy Nesbitt, township treasurer and liaison to the Planning Commission, stated that the onus of the public hearing falls on the Township Board because it involves a policing ordinance. It is a law that will need to be enforced.

**Old Business :** A. Home Occupation Ordinance - Tim Seppala makes a motion to recommend to the township board to hold a public hearing to approve the ordinance (as written) "Sales of firearms and related accessories and ammunition in Residential and Agricultural zones are allowed under the home occupation ordinance". Andy Nesbitt seconds. Motion passes.

**New Business :** A. No new business.

**Zoning Administrator report:** Rich McGrew mentioned that there is still an ongoing situation with small/tiny house on Little Cedar. There seems to be a misunderstanding about house vs. RV.

**ZBOA Report :** Jerry Fuentes was briefed by Chairman Doug Noble, Jr. on what he would report on at our meetings. No report given at this meeting.

**Adjournment :** John Miller motions to adjourn, Andy Nesbitt seconds, meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

**Next Meeting:** April 1, 2020