

Porter Township
Planning Commission
June Regular Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2020

Start time: Meeting began at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Doug Noble, Jr., John Miller, Andrew Nesbitt, Steve Cornish, Tim Seppala, Tonya Blanchard, Heather Smith

Members Not Present: David Kindt, Jerry Fuentes

Zoning Administrator: Rich McGrew, not present

Approval of Minutes: Andrew Nesbitt motions to approve the March Regular meeting minutes, John Miller seconds and March regular meeting minutes are approved as written. Noted that there was no meeting in April or May due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Correspondence- None.

Board Liaison Report – At March's meeting the Planning Commission recommended to the Township Board to hold a public hearing regarding an ordinance allowing Sales of Firearms under the Home Occupation Ordinance. The ordinance wording was given to the Planning Commission by Township Attorney Harold Schuitmaker. Per Andrew Nesbitt, the Board discussed that additional wording may be needed to meet BATF-Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms requirements. Concerns regarding firearms dealers falling under the Home Occupation Ordinance are increase in traffic, health, safety, and wellbeing of residential neighborhoods. The public hearing date for this ordinance has not been set. The Planning Commission will table this discussion until we get more information and guidance from Charles Meade, and/or Township Attorney Harold Schuitmaker.

Andrew Nesbitt explained that there has been no public hearing yet on the ORV ordinance due to COVID-19 restrictions on public meetings. This public hearing will be held in the future, possibly July or August, pending relaxed COVID-19 restrictions and public meeting posting dates.

Andrew Nesbitt informed the Planning Commission that the tiny house issue that we have been discussing has been taken care of and is over.

Andrew Nesbitt informed the Planning Commission that work on 80th Avenue has begun. The hired construction crew is moving dirt, leveling and widening the road.

Citizens Comments: None present.

New Business: None.

Old Business: Discussed in Board Report.

Zoning Admin Report – Rich McGrew, Zoning Administrator, not present, no report.

Adjournment- John Miller motions, Andrew Nesbitt seconds, meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting: July 1, 2020 at 7:00 pm.
