

Porter Township
Planning Commission
July Regular Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2020

Start Time: 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: Tim Seppala motions to approve the June regular meeting minutes, Steve Cornish seconds and June regular meeting minutes are approved as written.

Correspondence- None.

Board Liaison Report – Per Andrew Nesbitt, Charles Meade Jr and Harold Schuitmaker, Attorney, discussed what is required for allowing Sales of Firearms under the Home Occupation Ordinance. Harold Schuitmaker's office will review and let the Planning Commission know if there are any recommended wording updates to the ordinance. A Public Hearing is scheduled for this on August 5. If there are any wording changes, the Planning Commission will still have time after the Public Hearing to discuss (and possibly table, if needed) before recommending the ordinance to the Township Board.

Andrew Nesbitt noted that he had a phone call regarding property on Little Cedar Lake. The property is for sale, and a realtor inquired about putting in a campground. Andrew referred the realtor to the Zoning Administrator. Andrew noted the property is not currently zoned for a campground. This is not an issue before the Planning Commission at this point, just a note for possible future discussions if needed.

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

ZBOA report – Jerry Fuentes, not present, no report.

Citizens Comments: None present.

Old Business: ORV ordinance – Township Board not able to hold Public Hearing due to COVID-19 meeting restrictions. This ordinance is on hold until the Public Hearing can be held.

New Business: None.

Adjournment- Tonya Blanchard motions, Tim Seppala seconds, meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Next meeting: August 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm
