

Porter Township
Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2020

Start Time : Meeting began at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Doug Noble, Jr., Heather Smith, Andrew Nesbitt, David Kindt, Tim Seppala, Steve Cornish, Tanya Blanchard

Members Absent: Jerry Fuentes, John Miller

Zoning Administrator : Rich McGrew, not present.

Approval of Agenda : Tim Seppala approves, Steve Cornish seconds, all in favor, agenda approved as written.

Approval of Minutes : Heather Smith motions to approve the September Regular Meeting Minutes as written, Tim Seppala seconds. September Regular Meeting Minutes approved as written.

Additions to Agenda : None

Correspondence : None received.

Citizens Comments : Debbie Curtis, property owner of Bankson Lake. Opposes Drain and in support of a 50 feet from high water mark construction. Our ordinance does not say anything about depth in regards to grade. Looking for an ordinance that first construction level would be a specific distance or grade above the established high water mark. James Smith, Bankson Lake resident mentioned that a study was completed by a hired Biologist on Bankson Lake that determined what should be the high water mark. The larger question is what is the high water mark for many of the lakes, and if it was ever legally established, and if so documented. Heather Smith mentioned that the Village of Lawton approved an ordinance prohibiting the use of engine brakes.

Board Report : Andy Nesbitt, approved and adopted the Home Occupation Ordinance -Under Home Occupation Business "Sales of firearms and related accessories and ammunition in Residential and Agricultural zones are allowed under the home occupation ordinance". Paragraph G, Sec. 4.07

Old Business :

A. **No Old business discussed.**

New Business : A. No new business.

Zoning Administrator report: Rich McGrew not present, no report

ZBOA Report : Jerry Fuentes not present, no report.

Adjournment : Steve Cornish motions to adjourn, Tim Seppala seconds, meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Next Meeting: November 4, 2020