

Porter Township  
Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 5, 2022

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

**Members Present:** Doug Noble, Jr., Heather Smith, Andrew Nesbitt, David Kindt, Bob Angle, Tonya Willis, John Miller, Steve Cornish, Tim Seppala.

**Members Absent:** none

**Zoning Administrator :** Rich McGrew, present.

**Additions to Agenda :** Motion by Heather Smith to accept the agenda as written, second by Andy Nesbitt, motion passes. Agenda accepted as written.

**Approval of Minutes :** Andy Nesbitt motions to approve the December Regular Meeting Minutes as written, Tim Seppala seconds. December Regular Meeting Minutes approved as written.

**Correspondence :** None received.

**Citizens Comments :** No citizens present.

**Board Report :** Andy Nesbitt, board liaison, said that the short term rental ordinance was tabled last month, set to vote on at January meeting. Board passed Adult Use Marihuana Ordinance.

**Old Business :**

**A. Short term rental Ordinance**

1. None.

**New Business :**

**A. Solar Farms.**

1. Ordinance from Marcellus Township presented to Commission.
2. Steve Cornish suggests to go through the ordinance and strike out or amend that does not pertain to Porter.
3. The planning commission went through each line to see how each item would apply to Porter
4. Discussion took place on items pertaining to distances and measurements.
  - a. More information/research necessary on some of them
5. One question was is this the responsibility of the land owner or the company leasing.
6. Grounds shall be maintained - vegetation shall be maintained.

7. Time and discussion were applied to each item.
8. It is a well written ordinance, the commission concluded.
9. Doug Noble recommends that the members research, bring more to the table for February meeting.
10. Andy Nesbitt said that the board is looking for an ordinance and that although there is not a set timeline, something in the next few months would be acceptable.

**Zoning Administrator report:** No report.

**ZBOA Report :** Bob Angle, present, mentioned there was not a meeting recently.

**Adjournment :** Bob Angle motions to adjourn, John Miller seconds, meeting adjourned at 8:20.

**Next Meeting:** February 2, 2022