

Porter Township  
Planning Commission  
October Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 4, 2023

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**Start Time:** 7:00 pm

**Members Present:** Doug Noble Jr, Bob Angle, Todd Hackenberg, Andrew Nesbitt, Heather Smith, Tonya Willis

**Members Not Present:** John Miller, Tim Seppala, Jeff Stull

**Also Present:** Attorney Schuitmaker and four guests

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Todd Hackenberg, second by Heather Smith, to approve agenda with change. Agenda approved with change.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Todd Hackenberg, second by Andy Nesbitt to approve the September Regular meeting minutes as written. Regular meeting minutes are approved as written.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Citizens Comments:** None.

**Zoning Admin Report:** Rich McGrew, Zoning Administrator, absent.

**Board Liaison Report:** Per Andrew Nesbitt, the Planning Commission will need to hold a public hearing for the Master Plan Update.

**ZBOA report:** Per Robert Angle, nothing to report. Supervisor Oxley noted that the Building & Zoning Inspector has been able to handle most requests using non-conforming property allowances, which means the ZBOA doesn't have to meet as often.

**New Business:** Presentation by Ethan Belden from Rieth-Riley. Rieth Riley purchased gravel pit on M-40 previously owned by Welburn Excavating, and some surrounding property. Will leave existing berms and add new berms, as well as add shrubbery, which should shield neighbors from seeing and hearing gravel pit work. There will be some initial stockpiling work that will be able to be viewed from road while preparing property. Will eventually put front 'M-40' land back to agriculture/farm use. Concerns about multiple trucks entering M-40 near a blind hill. Rieth-Riley trucks will use M-40, but has also obtained an easement off CR 354 & 29<sup>th</sup> St, as well as looking into other options. Rieth-Riley hired a traffic engineer, and entering M-40 at that location meets state regulation requirements.

**Old Business:** Public Hearing to be scheduled for November Planning Commission meeting.

**Adjournment:** Heather Smith motions, Todd Hackenberg seconds, to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**Next meeting:** November 1, 2023 at 7 pm.

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