

Porter Township
Planning Commission
December Regular Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2023

Start Time: 7:00 pm

Members Present: Doug Noble, Jr., Bob Angle, Todd Hackenberg, Andrew Nesbitt, Tim Seppala, Heather Smith, Jeff Stull

Members Not Present: John Miller, Tonya Willis

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Heather Smith, second by Todd Hackenberg, to approve agenda. Agenda approved as written.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Todd Hackenberg, second by Andy Nesbitt, to approve the November Public Hearing minutes. Minutes are approved as written. Motion by Tim Seppala, second by Andy Nesbitt, to approve the November Regular meeting minutes. Minutes are approved as written.

Correspondence: Doug Noble presented a training opportunity for Planning Commission Members from MSU Extension, the Van Buren County 2024 Citizen Planner Program.

Citizens Comments: None present

Remembrance: Planning Commission members remembered Township Attorney Harold Schuitmaker. He was a great supporter of Porter Township and the Planning Commission and will be missed.

Zoning Admin Report: Rich McGrew, Zoning Administrator, not present.

Board Liaison Report: Per Andrew Nesbitt, Attorney Schuitmaker's office sent the Future Land Use Plan to the County Planning Commission. After getting their feedback, the Board will vote on the updates presented by the Planning Commission. Tonya Schuitmaker has taken over Harold Schuitmaker's Attorney responsibilities, and would like to represent Porter Township. The Board approved a Resolution for Reigh Riley's project, the Planning Commission will be contacted if anything else is needed. The Township is contracting with web company Schumaker to update our website.

New Business:

- A. 2024 Officers.
 - a. Motion by Heather Smith, second by Jeff Stull to reappoint Doug Noble Jr as Chairperson. Motion passed.
 - b. Motion by Tim Seppala, second by Bob Angle to reappoint John Miller as Vice Chairperson. Motion passed.
 - c. Motion by Jeff Stull, second by Bob Angle, to reappoint Heather Smith as Secretary. Motion passed.
- B. 2024 Calendar – Planning Commission will meet in 2024 on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm, with the following exception – July 3, 2024 meeting moved to June 26, 2024. Tentative meeting change from Jan 1, 2025 to Jan 2, 2025 will be confirmed at a later date.

Adjournment: Todd Hackenberg motions, Bob Angle seconds, to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Next meeting: January 3, 2024 at 7 pm
