

PC251203

Porter Township Planning Commission

December 3, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Doug Noble jr., Bob Angle, Todd Hackenberg, Andrew Nesbitt, Tim Seppala, Jeff Stull, Tonya Willis.

Members Absent: John Miller, Greg Brucks.

Motion to Approve agenda as written by Todd Hackenberg, supported by Tonya Willis. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes as written by Todd Hackenberg, supported by Bob Angle. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

Citizens Comments: None.

Township Board Liaison Report: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Shipping Container Ordinance.

The Planning Commission received the Ordinance with our recommended changes added from our attorney.

Upon further review, the following questions and recommendations were made to the document presented:

Cargo, Shipping and/or Storage Container Usage Ordinance

Ordinance 2026-1

Section 1- Is this section necessary to separate this ordinance from our accessory structure ordinance (4.02). Or is it unnecessary and can be removed.

Section 3- Eliminate “on any type of residential property or any other residential district.” Simplify to “are not allowed to be used on lots under 2 acres or any lake residential lots.”

Section 5- Eliminate Section 5-5a,b,c. Change to “set backs found in Appendix B of the Ordinance book.

Section 6- Eliminate Section 6-1a,b,c. Change to “setbacks found in Appendix B of the Ordinance book.”

Second paragraph in Section 6 to read- “No cargo, storage, and shipping containers for temporary storage shall be kept on the premises for longer than 3 months upon approval. This period may be extended for an additional three months annually. The following regulations shall also apply:”

The Planning Commission requests that the attorney look at these additional changes and give recommendations and further guidance.

New Business: Elections were held.

A motion was made by Todd Hackenberg and supported by Jeff Stull to cast a unanimous ballot for the following: Chair- Doug Noble jr., Assistant Chair- John Miller, Secretary- Tim Seppala.

Motion Carried.

A calendar for 2026 was looked at and no changes were required.

Motion to adjourn was made by Todd Hackenberg and supported by Jeff Stull.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Next Meeting- January 7, 2026