

**TOWN OF PORTER
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2020**

A. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Present: Elka Nelson, Rob Pomeroy, James Burge

Also, Present: Michael Barry, Tammie Sufana, Attorney Sobkowski

D. Election of Officers-

Ms. Nelson made a motion to appoint Mr. Pomeroy as President, Mr. Burge seconded.
Motion passed 3-0

Ms. Nelson made a motion to appoint Mr. Burge as Vice President, Mr. Pomeroy seconded.

Motion passed 3-0

Mr. Pomeroy made a motion to appoint Ms. Nelson as Secretary, Mr. Burge seconded.
Motion passed 3-0

E. Consideration of Minutes

F. Audience Participation-Robert Setlik, 945 Waverly Rd, questions legitimacy of the board. They were told by Town Council to volunteer themselves and some signed up for this commission and were ignored. They didn't get courtesy of a response. Mr. Sobkowski stated they followed the state statute in appointing board members. Ms. Nelson and Mr. Burge said they sent in letters, and Mr. Pomeroy said he was approached by a town Council member about applying. They are all neutral about new developments going on in the Town.

Jennifer Klug, 200 Franklin St Apt asked what exactly does the EDC do? Mr. Sobkowski comments the primary duties are promoting and reviewing economic development in the Town. It recommends funding for development, such as bond issues, and it has a role in awarding tax abatements in the sense that it makes recommendations on whether or not to designate economic developments areas.

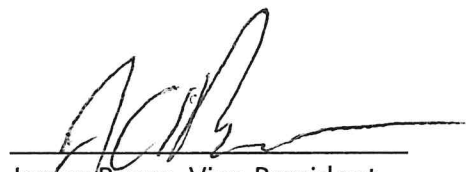

Ms. Klug also asks if anyone on the EDC is going to be part of comprehensive plan review. Ms. Nelson comments she will reach out to Mr. Mandon on it.

Sandra Setlik, 945 Waverly Rd, asks if they have interest in making sure the development is environmentally responsible. Ms. Nelson states she thinks about the

environment every day. Mr. burge states he is concerned about the environment also. He also comments he knows how important neighborhoods are and how everyone loves there little corner of Porter. At the same time we need to keep an open mind about ways we can bring in development that will help grow our tax base and create jobs.

All three board members agreed they aim to be a voice for Porter residents and not for themselves.

- G. Reports
- H. Old Business
- I. New Business
- J. Commission Comments- The next meeting will be Monday, April 13, 2020 at 6:30 pm.
- K. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned


Robert Pomeroy, President
James Burge, Vice-President
Elka Nelson, Secretary
Tammie Sufana, Recording Secretary