**Town of Porter**

**Environmental Sustainability Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**February 20, 2024**

**Porter Town Hall**

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Laura Madigan, Town Council President
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

Present: Tara Duffie, Reggie Korthals, Jennifer Dimitroff, David Rowley, Allison Hultman, Devin Throw.

Also, Present: Laura Madigan, Town Council President and Tammie Sufana, Recording

Secretary

Mrs. Madigan reminds commission that they must follow Roberts Rule of Order and that

Commissions for Municipalities must follow open door laws and that all group meetings

are public sessions.

1. Appointment of Officers, Secretary-Tara Duffie nominates Reggie Korthals as Chair Person. There were no other nominations.

Motion 6-0.

Allison Hultman nominates Tara Duffie as Vice Chair Person, Reggie Korthals second.

Motion 6-0.

Jennifer Dimitroff nominates herself for Secretary and Devin Throw nominates himself.

With a roll call vote all voted for Devin Throw.

Motion 6-0.

1. Consideration of Minutes-NONE
2. Audience Participation-John Rupple, 1241 Dogwood Dr, Chesterton here to offer help and assistance.

Kathy Sipple, 455 Andover Dr, she helped Jenny get started with sustainability. She works with Earth Charted Indiana.

Dave Phillips, 1608 Waverly Rd, just a concerned citizen willing to participate where needed.

Don Craft, 203 Michigan St, on Town Council and helped get ordinance passed. Wanted to be here to support on the first meeting.

Melissa Cohen, 2919 Dearborn, interested in supporting commission of her town.

Jennifer Klug, 200 Franklin St, goes to all town meetings and she is glad that we are starting this commission.

Jenny Dimitroff, 18 E Burwell, started this journey a couple of years ago. She tried to be a Bee City and that didn’t take. She started getting into the Environmental Sustainability.

David Rowley, 3009 Florentine, Professor GEO Physical Science for over 20 years. He is focused on what he can do personally.

Allison Hultman, 1320 Wagner Rd, loves our town and wants to be on right path forward.

Tara Duffie, 525 N 3rd St, she helped get the ordinance for the commission started. She loves Porter.

Devin Throw, Chesterton High School Student, he wants to make an impact. The Town of Porter and Chesterton has a sentimental value to him and he wants to keep it nice.

Reggie Korthals, 401 Michigami Trl, she is an Environmental Resource Project Manager, her focus is water quality.

1. Director of Development Report- Michael Barry, Building Commissioner, submitted a list of suggestions for commission to start with, Bird Town renewal review, Review Town landscaping codes, Review and update existing invasive plant code, Solar ordinance recommendations, pollinator garden recommendations, “Meadow” lawn recommendations, and exterior lighting recommendations (see attached). Reggie Korthals will ask Michael Barry to be at next meeting to see what he is looking for.

1. Old Business-NON3
2. New Business-NONE
3. Comments- Dave Phillips will help plant flowers.

Tara Duffie ask if the Duneland Garden Club can give a presentation for Outreach and

Education.

Jennifer Dimitroff mentions Pollinator Garden Trail she would like to start here in Porter.

Reggie Korthals mentions that Shirley Heinz is offering internships

Devin Throw asks about social media for youth. Laura Madigan mentions the Town

Council would talk about it.

1. Adjournment- 7:55 pm

Reggie Korthals, Chair-Person

Tara Duffie, Vice Chair-Person

Devin Throw, Secretary

Jennifer Dimitroff

Allison Hultman

ATTEST:Tammie Sufana, Recording Secretary