

**Town of Porter
Environmental Sustainability Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2024
Porter Town Hall**

- A. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Reggie Korthals Chair-Person
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
Present: Tara Duffie, Reggie Korthals, Jennifer Dimitroff, Allison Hultman, Devin Throw.
Absent: David Rowley
Also, Present: Laura Madigan, Town Council President and Tammie Sufana, Recording Secretary.
- D. Consideration of Minutes-February 20, 2024
Tara Duffie made a motion to approve the minutes of February 20, 2024, Jennifer Dimitroff seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- E. Comments from Floor-NONE
- F. Report from the Chairman
Appointment of Committees-Reggie Korthals mentions dividing the work into committees to do more research and report on.
 - 1. Code & Ordinance Reviews & Recommendations-Reggie Korthals & Allison Hultman
 - 2. Internal Town Issues-David Rowley
 - 3. Pollinator Garden Development & Recommendations-Jennifer Dimitroff
 - 4. Meadow lawn Recommendations-Tara Duffie
- G. Old Business- Action Items
Bird Town Renewal-Tara Duffie states the renewal was due in January. She would like to talk with the person in charge. Find out how to have more leverage in the Birding Festival in May with tourism. Tara Duffie has volunteer to take control of this issue. Allison Hultman made a motion to a favorable recommendation of the Bird Town Renewal, Tara Duffie seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Street Trees-damage and impact-NIRPC has a tree committee and right now all trees go to park department. Maybe we should look at putting more trees in other places. We get trees for free we need to take advantage of that. Devin Throw is going to do more research of the problems and take a look at the other communities to see what trees they are putting in. He will be the eyes and ears of the department.
Reggie Korthals states maybe we need an Element of a Tree Master Plan. Tara Duffie states the tree inventory program is costly and Brian would like a simpler program for

the trees he has. Like an excel sheet at what is on hand. He is more concerned about Hawthorne Park but could do all.

H. New Business-

Project Funding-we are not able to fund our own projects. We have to find it and we need to pay attention to Federal Grant Dollars for sustainability.

Coordination with Stormwater Management Board-to help fund some projects. Allison Hultman is going to look at stormwater ordinance and town code for sustainability.

Coordination with Redevelopment Commission-to help fund some projects and look at sustainability issues. Tara Duffie comments we need to keep our eye on what sustainability he is putting into Third Coast RV. Reggie Korthals this why we need to work with RDC.

Reggie Korthals also states we need to look at water shed plan.

I. Comments-

J. Adjournment- 7:53 p.m.

Reggie Korthals, Chair-Person
Tara Duffie, Vice Chair-Person
Jennifer Dimitroff
Allison Hultman

Tammie Sufana, Recording Secretary