

**Town of Porter
Plan Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2006**

A. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Present: Mr. Timm, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Stinson, Mr. Eriksson, and Mr. Sexton,
Mr. Childress and Mr. Bell

Absent: None

Also present were Mr. Lyp, Mr. Mandon, and Mrs. Mitchell

D. Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2006 regular meeting was made by Mr. Childress; second by Mr. Eriksson. Motion carried via voice approval 7 – 0.

E. Audience Participation

Jennifer Kluge asked why there was a Public Hearing on the agenda that had not gone through Preliminary Hearing first. Mr. Bell responded that he would explain why later in the meeting.

F. Old Business and Matters Tabled

Application for subdivision approval made by Reno Boe for the property located at the intersection of U. S. 20 and Oak Hill Road.

Mr. Gorski represented Mr. Boe at the meeting. He passed out a new drawing of where they planned to move the driveway.

Motion to approve the application based on the given plat drawing was made by Mr. Childress; second by Mr. Timm. Motion carried 7 – 0 via voice vote.

Application for subdivision approval made by James T. Barbarossa for the property located west of Babcock Road; South of Old Porter Road and the Michigan Central Railroad (Conrail)

Mr. Terry Keastan represented the Barbarossa's. Mr. Bell believes it is poor planning.

Motion to approve the application was made by Mr. Sexton; second by Mr. Timm. Motion failed 4 – 3.

G. New Business

None

H. Preliminary Hearing

None

I. Public Hearing

Application for subdivision approval made by Sandra Stimler for the property located north of 130th Street and on the west side of State Street in Porter.

Motion to suspend rules on preliminary hearing and move to public hearing was made by Mr. Timm; second by Mr. Childress. Motion was denied 6 – 0. Mr. Eriksson removed himself from the Commission because he is a neighbor of the applicant.

Mrs. Stimler represented herself at the meeting.

Motion to proceed with Preliminary Hearing and postponing public hearing until the June meeting was made by Mr. Sexton; second Mr. Childress. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Mrs. Stimler is hoping to replat and make her land a subdivision. There was a great dispute over who owned the land. Al Bement of 2525 Longwood Drive in Highland, Indiana spoke to help clear some confusion.

The Plan Commission decided to wait until the June meeting to hear any more.

J. Finding of Fact

None

K. Comments from Plan Commission Attorney

None

L. Comments from Plan Commission Secretary

None

M. Adjournment

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Lorain Bell
Chairman

Kara Mitchell
Secretary