

Minutes of the Porter Plan Commission

July 21, 2004

A. The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mr. Bell, Mr. Eriksson, Mr. Liebert, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Childress, Mr. Timm, and Mr. Babcock. Quorum was established. Also present were Mr. Mandon and Mr. Lyp.

C. Consideration of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Mr. Liebert made a correction to attorney name on page two from Dave Babcock to Greg Babcock.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2004 meeting as amended made by Mr. Childress; second by Mrs. Snyder. Motion carried 7 – 0.

D. Audience Participation

Ron Fancher, 215 Indiana, Porter concerned about a grease dumpster at Wagner's Restaurant that was moved closer to Indiana Street and the smell it creates. Wants to know if the Plan Commission is the place to address the issue. Mr. Babcock told him to complete a complaint form at the Town Hall and his office will address the matter.

E. Preliminary Hearings

None

F. Public Hearing

None

G. Old Business

1. Paul G. Nelson – sub-division petition at 1371 Old Porter Road to locate a billboard on a portion of the property for advertisement purposes.

Mr. David Babcock, attorney for petitioner, requested that the petition be tabled for 30 days due to BZA decision to deny variance request.

Motion to table Paul G. Nelson subdivision petition to the next regularly scheduled Plan Commission meeting made by Mr. Childress; second by Mr. Babcock. Motion passed 7 – 0.

H. New Business

1. Discussed what was needed from the Plan Commission secretary to ensure proper communication of notices and recommendations from the Plan Commission to the Porter Town Council. The Council should get the same info each time so they may make an informed decision and Commission members and staff will know what meeting date the Council will address each issue. Mr. Mandon recommended adding a Findings section to the agenda after the Public Hearing section. Mr. Lyp included that the information needed to include approved and signed final minutes and Findings of Fact. This means that such notices would be addressed at the third Town Council meeting following the Plan Commission meeting that addressed the notice.
2. Discussion concerning section 179A of the Zoning Ordinance (ZO). The Town Council is working on an ordinance addressing parking and commercial vehicles in residential areas. Mr. Childress wants to ensure this section of the ZO is adjusted so the new Town ordinance and the ZO are clear and consistent on this subject. Mr. Lyp and Mr. Mandon will develop a list of questions for the Plan Commission to address on this matter.

H. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Liebert; second by Mr. Eriksson. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Lorain Bell
President

Lisa M. Liebert
Secretary