

Minutes of the Porter Plan Commission

March 17, 2004

A. The meeting was called to order at 7:43 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mr. Bell, Mr. Eriksson, Mr. Liebert, Mr. Childress, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Timm and Mr. Babcock.

Quorum was established. Also present were Mr. Mandon and Mr. Lyp.

C. Consideration of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2004 meeting as written by Mr. Timm;
second by Mr. Childress. Motion carried 7 - 0.

Mr. Mandon noted that he had not informed the Secretary to add the Amburgey rezoning to tonight's agenda and requested that the Board add it to the agenda as Preliminary Hearing #3.

Motion to add the Amburgey Rezoning to tonight's BZA agenda made by Mr. Childress;
second by Mr. Babcock. Motion carried 7 - 0.

D. Audience Participation

None

E. Preliminary Hearings

1. Glenna Amburgey rezoning correction to zoning map. (Heard first even though designated #3.)

This is a correction to the zoning map being conducted by the Town due to an error designating this property as R-1 instead of B-1.

Motion to set for public hearing at the April 21, 2004 Plan Commission meeting made by Mr. Timm;
second by Mr. Liebert. Motion carried 7 - 0.

2. Paul G. Nelson petition for Sub-division Approval at 1371 Old Porter Road to locate a billboard on a portion of the property for advertisement purposes and to construct two homes on the property.

Mr. Nelson presented the Commission members with a computer-generated sketch of the proposed lots and the location of the 14' x 48' billboard on the back lot. His purpose is to place a billboard on the back lot next to Interstate 94 now and either build homes on the other lots five to six years from now or sell them to a developer to do so.

Mr. Babcock suggested only subdivide to create the billboard lot now and leave the other land non-subdivided at this time. Mr. Mandon concurred that is a good idea to deal only with what is needed now.

Mr. Nelson requested the Commission consider refunding part of the petition request because the cost is based upon the number of lots. Mr. Mandon agreed that this would be fair because the change in number of lots would be at the direction the petitioner received from the Commission.

Motion to refund the cost of the petition due to the change in number of lots made by Mr. Liebert; second by Mr. Eriksson. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Motion to set both petitions [Subdivision and Rezone] for public hearing at the May 19, 2004 Plan Commission meeting made by Mr. Liebert; second by Mr. Timm.

3. Paul G. Nelson petition to Rezone at 1371 Old Porter Road to locate a billboard on a portion of the property for advertisement purposes and to construct two homes on the property.

Mr. Timm requested reason for the rezone request. Answer: For public advertising to create revenue.

Mr. Bell commented that this same type of petition was denied years ago because there were no services available and there would be problems with billboards. Mr. Eriksson requested that the motion be repeated. Mr. Bell called for a vote on the motion on the floor. Motion carried 5 – 2 with Mr. Eriksson and Mr. Timm voting no.

G. Public Hearing

None

H. Other Business

1. Review of the Comprehensive Plan

Copies of the updated Plan have now been distributed to all Commission members so they can review it. Mr. Mandon will provide comparison guidelines to all members. The Commission will hold a workshop on the Plan at its April meeting [providing there is a light agenda].

2. Mr. Liebert asked who would be doing the public hearing paperwork on behalf of the Town. Mr. Mandon will get an article for printing in the paper to Carole Pomeroy and notify adjacent property owners. Mr. Lyp will advise if we need to post a sign at the Amburgey property.

J. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Liebert; second by Mr. Childress. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Lorain Bell
President

Lisa M. Liebert
Secretary