

Minutes of the Porter Plan Commission
August 16, 2000

A. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of allegiance

Present were Mr. Chemma, Mr. Bell, Mr. Eriksson, Mrs. Powell, Mr. Whisler, and Mr. Grasher. Absent was Mr. Liebert. Quorum was established. Also present were Mr. Mandon and Mr. Zaremba

C. Consideration of minutes from previous meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written was made by Mr. Whisler. Second by Mr. Bell. Motion carried 6-0.

D. Audience Participation

Judy Chemma, 1655 Flemming, requested a listing of Porter's prominent citizens be made available to draw from in order to suggest meaningful street names to developers on a voluntary basis. Mr. Chemma suggested the historical society be involved, and that it be the subject of a future Plan Commission meeting.

At this point, Mr. Mandon recommended amending the agenda by tabling items 1 and 3 under the public hearing section of the agenda as both petitioners had requested so. Mr. Chemma also requested the commission discuss a permanent meeting time and day under the section of other business. Motion made to table was made by Mr. Bell. Second by Mr. Eriksson. Motion carried 6-0.

E. Final Approvals

None.

F. Preliminary Hearings

None.

G. Public Hearings:

1. Steve Fernandez: Request to rezone property at 19th and Broadway owned by Art Tonner from C-3 to R-3. Petition tabled.
2. Rebecca Sue Brown Lloyd: Request to rezone property from C-3 to R-1 and R-3 and subdivide into two lots of record on Beam Street near U.S. Route 20. Mr. Mandon reported that the public hearing notice was flawed since there was no list from the assessors office of nearby property owners, and the petition to rezone was not completed and available for public inspection. Motion to table and re-advertise for public hearing by Mr. Bell. Second by Mr. Eriksson. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Brian J. Mayer: Request to subdivide property at 951 Portage Avenue currently zoned R-1. Petition tabled.

E. Other Business:

1. Mr. Robert Thompson, Executive Director, Porter County Plan Commission, presentation of proposed county land use plan: Thompson indicated that the county is in the process of approving a new land use plan, and he and the Porter County Plan Commission are interested in working with local communities in the fringe areas likely for future annexation to make sure land use intentions are consistent. Mr. Mandon will meet with Mr. Thompson to discuss the fringe areas in greater detail.
2. Review of various petition packets: Discussion took place whether notice for Plan Commission public hearings used contiguous or 300-foot rule. Mr. Mandon will research this and also will check the law on vacation to make sure instructions are correct. Mr. Mandon is going to propose a new fee structure for subdivisions.
3. Plan Commission Rules: Discussion took place to permanently change the meeting night and time to the third Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Motion to change made by Mr. Bell. Second by Mr. Eriksson. Motion carried 6-0.

E. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Whisler. Second by Mr. Grasher. Motion carried 6-0.

Eugene Chemma
President

Lisa M. Liebert
Secretary