

**Town of Porter  
Plan Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2020  
5:30 p.m.**

- A. Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum  
Present: Mr. Eriksson, Mr. Spanier, Ms. Madigan, Mr. Craig, Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger, Mr. Phillips  
Also, Present Ms. Sufana, Ms. Frost, Mr. Barry  
Absent: Ms. Duffie, Mr. Mandon
- D. Quorum-There are enough present for a quorum.
- E. Consideration of Minutes from July 15, 2020 meeting  
Mr. Eriksson made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2020 meeting, Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger seconded.  
Motion approved 5-0
- F. Audience Participation-Jennifer Klug, 200 Franklin St, Porter it was talked about a while back about comprehensive plan small groups, she was wondering if this is still going to happen. She thinks there will be many people interested.
- G. Old Business-
- H. Preliminary Hearing-
- I. Public Hearing- Updating Sign Ordinance-  
Public hearing opened at 5:34 pm. Mr. Barry explains ordinance change for revised temporary signs.  
Jennifer Klug, 200 Franklin St, for clarification state law takes precedence over town ordinance for political signs. People can but as many political signs as they want.  
Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger asks about other signs during that time period? Ms. Frost comments that the state statute takes precedence over town ordinance.  
Public hearing closed 5:35 pm

Mr. Barry states size was chosen based on typical real estate sign. We did not add banners but maybe would should have a separate section for banners. Banners are larger than 4 sq ft. Mr. Barry does not think we have flag in our code.

Ms Frost states it does not matter what kind of sign it is for state mandate.  
Mr. Phillips how is profanity controlled and obscene. Ms. Frost states that is determined on a case-by-case issue. This ordinance does not have that it is for temporary. If it was challenged the court would determine.

Ms. Frost says a temporary sign is described as something that can be removed.

Ms. Madigan what size banner to do want to allow?

Jennifer Klug, I was under the impression you can have up to 3 signs in your yard?

Ms. Frost states that the way the ordinance is written there is allowed 3 signs in yard.

Mr. Eriksson made a motion to table ordinance to include banners and banner descriptions and other changes until next meeting, Mr. Phillips seconded.

Motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Frost states we will need to review and have another public hearing to approve.

J. Final Hearing-NONE

K. Findings of Fact-NONE

L. Other Business-

Update from Town Council-Mr. Phillips commented the council is still working on where to getting the funding for Mr. Mandon's proposal.

Update from Attorney-

Board Comments- Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger hopes the council does approve. Also, he wanted to propose the town setting up an Exploratory Committee for the comprehensive plan? Which would consist of a member of each of the boards and council and the public to get information on what they would like to see in the comprehensive plan. The committee would look for agencies that would help us look for funding. Specifically, we would like help from those people to help get public input. This is a way of getting us going to take public input and public input and take to the Town Council.

Mr. Barry comments all you really need is the map from the comprehensive plan. Mr. Mandon can work on the data and there are things on the map that would need to be changed first, but you can see what it was and what you want it to be.

Ms. Frost would like to have time to consider the proposal, she still has concerns about open door law. The other issue is determining a budget the plan commission does not have a budget.


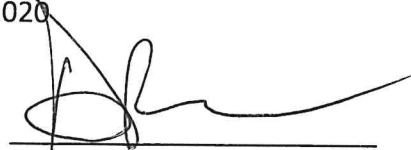
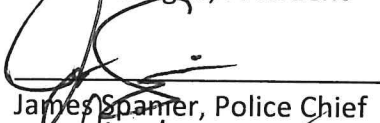
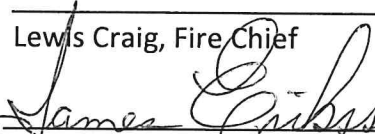
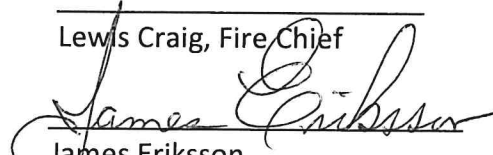
Ms. Madigan comments they are looking for ways to get more public input.

M. Adjournment- Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Phillips seconded.

Motion passed 7-0

The next regular meeting will be on September 16, 2020

  
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