

**Town of Porter
Environmental Sustainability Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2025
Porter Town Hall**

A. Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Tara Duffie, Chair-Person

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Present: Tara Duffie, Devin Throw, Jennifer Dimitroff, David Phillips, Isabel Durkin, and Peter Sawochka-Dalton

Absent: Mitch Reynolds

Also present: Tammie Sufana, Recording Secretary

Duffie wanted to thank Hultman for her time on the commission and welcomed Sawochka-Dalton.

D. Consideration of Minutes-July 15, 2025

Jennifer Dimitroff made a motion to approve the minutes of July 15, 2025 as written, David Phillips made second. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Audience Participation

F. Old Business-NONE

G. New Business

Monarch Butterfly presentation at Hawthorne Community Building-Duffie mention she is looking for a motion as to whether we sponsor the Monarch Butterfly presentation on Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 6:00pm at Hawthorne Park Community building with Jim Starin presenting. It is a community outreach and education.

Phillips made a motion to sponsor the Monarch Butterfly presentation, Durkin made the Second. Motion passes 6-0.

H. Board Comments-

Duffie mentions she did follow up with chamber on European Market we can get spots for Free but this year they are all taken. They suggested we reach out the Chesterton ESC and if we can get a few spots.

Duffie states we did apply for IDEM clean community program. IDEM asked for highest rank person in town signature. Application is submitted and will take several weeks to know if we are accepted. They have a program on how to reduce plastic at municipal level.

Duffie mentioned that Throw has been doing his own cleanups around the town. Throw States he started with doing a bag a day then increased bags and time. As much as he loves data takes a lot of time. He had between 200-300 things a day. Duffie mentions the data will be in final report at end of year.

Duffie thanked Dimitroff for coordinating three events this year. The neighborhood walk scheduled for August 12 was canceled because of weather. They will try to reschedule for next spring.

David Keaton, 750 W Oak Hill Rd, talks a little about his prairie lawn. He also mentions that White clover is nonnative and puts nitrogen back into the soil. He read the town code and suggests updating invasive plant list and adding a section about good alternatives. He also suggests making people aware of it.

Adjournment- 7:35 pm

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