

Town of Porter Plan Commission Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2026

The Town of Porter Plan Commission Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Rob Albrecht-Mallinger.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

In attendance were Rob Albrecht-Mallinger, Tara Duffie, Jim Eriksson, Mary Burke, Jim Burge, Park Director Brian Bugajski, and Fire Chief Jay Craig. Also in attendance were Michael Barry, James Mandon, Attorney Willoughby, and Tammie Sufana, Recording Secretary. A quorum was attained.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Burke made a motion to approve the minutes of February 18, 2026, as written, Mrs. Duffie seconded. Minutes approved 7-0.

Audience Participation

Site Plan

Preliminary Hearing

1. Four B's, Brian Lewandowski, 1301 Old Porter Rd is requesting subdivision approval for Replat Richards add. Gilbertsville-Blk1 at 1301 Old Porter Rd. Mr. Lewandowski mentions that Porter County used to be you have to have one acre lots for septic tanks. This last year it went away. He has approval from Porter County if he split his lot to meet town requirements he could get a septic for the lot with the barn on it. Mr. Mandon mentions we have an issue with the request, you will have a nonconforming parcel. You will need to first apply for a variance. Mr. Willoughby mentions the notice says replat not minor subdivision and you will need a variance for legality. Mr. Craig mentions that we table it until he gets variance and corrects paperwork and notices. Attorney Willoughby mentions you could vote to set to Public Hearing after he gets variance or table application. Mr. Craig made a motion to table application for minor subdivision until petitioner gets a variance, Ms. Burke seconded. Motion passed 7-0 with roll call vote.
2. Lew's Springs Replat 1-3, Corner of Old Porter Rd and Mineral Springs lots 1-3 on south side of road, subdividing 3 lots into 6 lots. Mr. Lewandowski mentions he owns lots 2 & 3, his buddy owns lot 1. He is looking to turn three lots into six lots. Attorney Willoughby mentions he will need something from his buddy, or his buddy to be at next meeting, stating he is allowed to speak on his behalf. Mr. Barry states all lots will be proper size according to code. He mentions drainage as some neighbors are asking if it will affect their property. Mr. Lewandowski mentions he takes care of the drainage, sometimes at his own expense.

Ms. Duffie made a motion to set to Public Hearing at the April 15 meeting, Mr. Bugajski seconded. Motion passed 7-0 with roll call vote.

Public Hearing

Four B's, Brian Lewandowski, 1301 Old Porter Rd is requesting subdivision approval for Replat 1301 Old Porter Rd. was tabled until petitioner get s a variance.

Findings of Fact

Other Business/Old Business

Framework for Porter Rental Ordinance-Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger mentions that the framework for rental management is validated and worth going forward. We did not put anything in there for short-term rentals. That's HB1210.

Attorney Willoughby mentions the HB1001 had a bunch of restrictions we were concerned about. You have already tabled or put off the ADU restrictions. The state adopted a definition of the ADU, which is 75 % of interior space or 1000 sq ft whichever is less with separate cooking areas. Also, the are now recording requirements that the town will have to do and send it down state.

Update from Town Council

Update from Attorney

Board Comments

Public Comments

Adjournment

Mr. Bugajski a motion to adjourn, Ms. Burke seconded.
Motion passed 5-0.

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Rob Albrecht-Mallinger, President

James Burge, Vice-President

Lewis Craig, Fire Chief

Brian Bugajski, Park Director

James Eriksson

Tara Duffie

Mary Burke

Tammie Sufana, Recording Secretary