

Town of Porter Plan Commission Meeting Minutes

April 15, 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

Mrs. Duffie made a motion to approve the minutes of March 18, 2026, as written, Mr. Burge seconded. Minutes approved 7-0.

Audience Participation

Site Plan

Preliminary Hearing

Public Hearing

Brian Lewandowski, 1301 Old Porter Rd looking to make a new subdivision in 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. This popped up because county used to require an acre lot. State laws have changed Porter County had to change the rules for septic tanks. So he is looking to build houses on the lots, they would be smaller houses to go with others in that area. Attorney Willoughby mentions that notices are sufficient, he will need to update the POA language for approval.

Public Hearing opened at 6:35 pm-there was no one in favor or in opposition of petition. Public Hearing closed at 6:36 p.m.

Mr. Barry states all lots will be proper size according to code. He mentions that Mr. Lewandowski takes care of the drainage, sometimes at his own expense. He also mentions that all utilities are good.

Mr. Mandon mentions as long as the lots comply with size and access requirements, the Plan commission is compelled to approve the replat. In this case these requirements are in compliance with the subdivision ordinance.

Mr. Burge asks if there will be an impact on traffic, Mr. Barry comments he doesn't think it will add anything to traffic as everyone leaves at different times.

Mr. Bugajski makes a motion to approve the subdivision request with the update to the Power of Attorney language and findings of facts, Mrs. Duffie seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0 with roll call vote.

Findings of Fact

Other Business/Old Business

Framework for Porter Rental Ordinance-Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger mentions that we are close to bringing a draft rental ordinance for review and we are doing a checklist for review. He is looking to have this done for May meeting, the plan commission has the public hearing in June and then decide recommending to send to council.

Update from Town Council-Mr. Burge mentions that 911 dispatch will be combined with county Chesterton has pulled out. Council is working on getting a new fire truck maybe mid-summer.

Update from Attorney

Board Comments

Public Comments

Adjournment

Mr. Bugajski a motion to adjourn, Mr. Craig seconded.
Motion passed 7-0.

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Rob Albrecht-Mallinger, President

James Burge, Vice-President

Lewis Craig, Fire Chief

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