

Town of Porter Plan Commission Meeting Minutes May 20, 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

Mr. Craig made a motion to approve the minutes of April 15, 2026, as written, Ms. Burke seconded. Minutes approved 7-0.

Audience Participation

Site Plan

Preliminary Hearing

Public Hearing

Four B's, Brian Lewandowski, 1301 Old Porter Rd, requesting subdivision approval for Replat Richards add Gilbertsville-Blk 1 1301 Old Porter Rd. Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger mentions that petitioner notified us that he would be able to make the meeting tonight and would like to be put on next month's agenda.

Mr. Burge made a motion to continue the Public Hearing until next month, Mr. Craig seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Findings of Fact

Other Business/Old Business

Review of proposed Rental Unit Ordinance-Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger gave a review of the ordinance mentioning that the ADU section was removed. Mrs. Duffie asked if the Rental Housing Officer is a paid position? Mr. Barry mentions it is him. She also comments on not sure if we should outsource. Mr. Barry mentions that him, Mr. Craig, and Mr. Himan(Code Enforcement) will be doing inspections. Mrs. Duffie comments on why doesn't the ordinance say that. Mr. Craig suggests using designee. Mr. Barry also mentions inspections must be done by a building inspector or fireman. Mr. Barry states any questions just send them to him or Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger and do we want to put the draft on website and ask for public comments before public hearing?

Jennifer Klug, 200 Franklin St, if it is on agenda isn't it considered public record, the attorney comments yes. Mr. Barry comments this will give us legal authority to inspect rental properties. Mr. Craig made a motion to table until next meeting so commission can send their comments to Mr. Mallinger for him and Mr. Barry to incorporate into document, Ms. Burke seconded. Motion passed 7-0 with roll call vote.

Review of proposed Exterior Lighting Ordinance-Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger gives a brief background on the Exterior Lighting Ordinance. The Environmental Sustainability Commission address the issue of exterior lighting and created a document which was guidelines to create an ordinance. Mr. Barry mentions he has received some comments from Ms. Dimitroff of ESC and Ms. Duffie. He suggests that him, Ms. Duffie, and Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger should work on it to polish it up so it is worded properly. It is just the first draft of an ordinance. We don't have anything in our nuisance code about lighting. Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger mentions please send any questions or comments to Mr. Barry or Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger. There is nothing to vote on right now. Mr. Burge comments this is a worthy endeavor thank you everyone for all work done.

Duneland Estates PUD expiration-

Mr. Barry mentions the old waterpark property had a PUD in 2020 if nothing done in 5 years it expires, which is today May 20. The PUD is expired and abandoned. It has new owners now and he thought it would be easier for commission to put back to B# or put to something else. The new owners do not have a preference. The new owners think it is a bad stigma to leave it. Mrs. Duffie asks Mr. Mandon his recommendation. Mr. Mandon recommends leaving it as is if you don't want a B3. Attorney Willoughby mentions making a public statement about it might help. Mr. Craig made a motion to acknowledge this and have Mr. Barry send them a letter that it has expired and is abandoned, Mrs. Duffie.

Updates

Update from Town Council

Update from Attorney

Board Comments

Public Comments

Adjournment

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

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-2.9, this meeting was livestreamed to youtube.com/@porterindiana. A recording of the livestream will remain publicly available for a minimum of ninety (90) days following the date of the meeting. Meeting agendas, minutes, and any memoranda, may be viewed at *townofporter.in.gov*

Rob Albrecht-Mallinger, President

James Burge, Vice-President

Brian Bugajski, Park Director

James Eriksson

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Mary Burke

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