

TOWN OF PORTER
Redevelopment Commission
303 Franklin Street
April 28, 2026

The Town of Porter Redevelopment Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: President Russ Erwin, Vice President Peter Sawochka-Dalton, Jamie Hogan, and Laura Madigan.

Absent: Allsion Hultman and Beth Mehling

Also Present: Director of Development Michael Barry, Fire Chief Jay Craig, and Secretary Karen Spanier

Approval of Minutes

Jamie Hogan made the motion to approve the March 24, 2026 meeting minutes, with Peter Sawochka-Dalton making the second.
Motion passed 4-0.

Consideration of Claims

Laura Madigan made a motion to approve the April claims. Peter Sawochka-Dalton made the Second.
Motion passed 4-0.

Audience Participation

Fire Chief Jay Craig comments, as you are aware, we are in the beginning stage of purchasing a new fire truck or ladder truck. He just wanted to give you something to think about, historically when we have purchased fire trucks, we had the ability to purchase some equipment. With price increases being very high some of that ability will not be there when purchasing our next equipment. Although he has no prices yet, he was wondering if the RDC would be willing to consider helping with extraction equipment, it would be replacing 26-year-old equipment. And some other miscellaneous equipment that is gas powered. If you are willing, he can come to next meeting with numbers.

Laura Madigan stated she wanted numbers before considering.

President Russ Erwin mentions if we want to move forward all we would have to do is a Resolution to Amend the Spending plan.

Reports

Building Commissioner/Director of Development Michael Barry noted that on the property to purchase that we sent a proposal on he received a counteroffer. The next step is to set up an executive session and try to find a day when everyone is available, to discuss counteroffer.

Marquette Greenway Mnoke Prairie Trail-Michael Barry mentions that Next Level Trails extended the contract a year, so we have until next June 2027 to finish. Construction started April 1, mostly clearing trees and bushes and We can thank the Public Works Department for that.

Glenn Peterson, SHE Consultant, mentions there is a BP pipeline that runs through Mnoke Prairie by the field station on Howe Rd. Everything we did leading up to project BP had no problem with it. Right as they were about to start construction BP called and said the pipeline is 20" not 36" minimum. They came up with three different options they presented to BP. One they thought was going to be the cheapest and quickest solution, was to replace regular fill with light weight aggregate material. Same volume just half the weight. They got price back and it is very high with delivery. The other option is to build a permanent air bridge. The third option, probably the most expensive, is we have some precast concrete boardwalk to bring out into the field. As far as timeline goes it is not holding anything up. Next week they will be doing some of the work around the parking lot.

Michael Barry stated the air bridge is wood, Glen Peterson mentions the technical term is land bridge. Michael Barry noted that he is unhappy with Milestone proposal; it is too high. And that right now we are at the amount allowed and don't want to go over with this change order.

Michael Barry announces they are potentially having a groundbreaking on June 5, he will let everyone know. It would be a nice public relations event. There is a website for the whole the Marquette Greenway Trail, and Porter will be the first community to have theirs built.

Old Business/New Business

None

New Business

None

Commission Comments

Adjournment

Laura Madigan made the motion to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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Approved the 2nd day of June, 2026

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF PORTER

/s/ Russ Erwin, President

/s/ Peter Sawochka-Dalton, Vice President

/s/ Jamie Hogan, Member

/s/ Laura Madigan, Member

Attest: /s/ Karen Spanier, Recording Secretary