

**Town of Porter
Environmental Sustainability Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2025
Porter Town Hall**

A. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Tara Duffie, Chair-Person

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Present: Tara Duffie, Devin Throw, Jennifer Dimitroff, and Mitch Reynolds

Absent: Allison Hultman, David Phillips, and Isabel Durkin

Also present: Tammie Sufana, Recording Secretary

D. Consideration of Minutes-May 20, 2025

Jennifer Dimitroff made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2025 as written, Mitch Reynolds made second. Motion passed 4-0.

E. Audience Participation-

F. Old Business

Environmental Lighting Recommendations-Tara Duffie asked if everyone looked at the Recommendations she sent and the recommendations Mr. Mallinger sent and if they should make the changes? The commission likes the recommendations as written and would just include Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger suggestions. She also mentions that nuisance lighting there is no one grandfathered in and residents are allowed to take private action. She thinks we should also promote "Lights Out for Birds" during bird migration.

Mitch Reynolds made a motion to have Tara Duffie send the Sustainable Lighting Recommendations to Mike Barry, Jennifer Dimitroff seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

G. New Business

Cleanup Initiatives-Devin Throw mention there was 1,778 pieces of trash collected at the Earth Day event. He suggests that next time they do a cleanup have a discussion on how to pick up hazardous waste materials. Tara Duffie mentions not opposed to doing once a year and would consider doing it again in the fall. Mitch Reynolds mentions that the Duneland Dems are doing another one in July.

Adopt-a-Road-Tara Duffie mentions this is where people or businesses can adopt a road to cleanup to help get them involved.

One Bag Challenge-Devin Throw mentions this is to minimize waste and challenge everyone. He can make a video about awareness for the one bag challenge. Commission talked about using social media for public outreach and get public more involved.

H. Board Comments-Duffie wanted to thank everyone for all the help with input for the signs.

Duffie mentions tomorrow is the Plastic Reduction Alliance at VU.

Jennifer Dimitroff thinks we should partner with Partners for Clean Air with IDEM. Mitch Reynolds agrees because air quality matters in NWI.

Jennifer Dimitroff mentions that Emily Bretl from Chesterton Sustainability Commission, will do a neighborhood nature walk with us on August 12. She would do for free or a donation to nature scholarship for teachers. Tara Duffie asked Mitch Reynolds if he could create a walkable map by July, he agreed to.

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Adjournment- 7:40 pm

Tara Duffie, Chair-Person

Devin Throw, Secretary

Jennifer Dimitroff

Mitch Reynolds

Tammie Sufana, Recording Secretary