

**Town of Porter  
Environmental Sustainability Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
August 20, 2024  
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, Jennifer Dimitroff, David Phillips, Mitch Reynolds, Devin Throw, and Isabel Durkin.

Absent: Allison Hultman

Also, Present: Tammie Sufana, Recording Secretary

**D. Consideration of Minutes-July 16, 2024**

Jenny Dimitroff made a motion to approve the minutes of July 16, 2024, Dave Phillips seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

**E. Old Business-**

Stormwater Technical Standards Manual-Tara Duffie mentions we have been working on stormwater ordinance recommendations for 5 months, these recommendations will not go in ordinance but will be reference in the manual. Planning things belong in stormwater master plan that the Storm board is working on next year. Duffie mentions when Allison gets back we will talk about how to get out to the residents.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

Purdue Extension Community Workshop-Tara has been in contact with Jenny from Purdue Extension and she has offered to facilitate a workshop for us. We will need a mission statement to apply for grants. We will make statement of pieces of paper to suggest what our ideas are for a mission statement. Date for the workshop will be September 17, it will be open to public though not for the public. We need smaller projects rather than policy after policy. Tara Duffie states our end goal is to make a difference, be better organized and apply for grants.

Dave Phillips made a motion to have workshop on September 17 at 7:00 p.m., Isabel Durkin seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Kimberly Ehn-American Bird Conservancy's Cats Indoors Program-Kimberly states she has been working on the town's recertification application for the Bird City network and trying to implement old application into the new application. The new application has a section on threats to birds. She found in Town Code Supp 16 Sec 10-32 Leash regulations. No person being owner of any dog or cat shall permit or allow to run at large in the streets, or on the walks or public grounds of the town unless on a leash. She

would like us to put a link on our website with more information. Once application is approved we will be live on Bird city website. She also suggests that Town Parks description be updated to sound more bird friendly.

- G. Comments from Floor**-Jenny Dimitroff gives a little rundown on neighborhood walk. She suggests walk around and look at new gardens and talking about things people can do in their own back yard. Kim Ehn mention maybe include birds on walk.

**Adjournment**- 7:40 pm

Tara Duffie, Chair-Person  
Allison Hultman  
Devin Throw, Secretary  
Jennifer Dimitroff  
Isabel Durkin  
David Phillips  
Mitch Reynolds

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