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Chairman Spira called the regular meeting of the town of Porter Planning Board to order at 7:00 p.m., **Thursday, March 7, 2013**. All Planning Board members were present. Chairman Spira welcomed everyone and read aloud the agenda for tonight's meeting.

APPROVE FEBRUARY 7, 2013 MINUTES

Chairman Spira read over the minutes of the February 7, 2013 Planning Board meeting. With no additions or corrections, Thomas Oddy made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Jipp Ortiz seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion was unanimously carried.

KNACK/WOOD AREA VARIANCE & SITE PLAN

David Giusiana has been retained to build a house for an owner that lives in Colorado. The concept is to tear the existing dwelling down and expand vertically on the foundation. The lot is located at 3795 River Road, Youngstown, on the corner of River Road and Howard Drive, Youngstown. The house was built in 1951. There is a twenty foot right-of-way on the Howard Drive side of the property. This request is being sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals for an area variance approval. The driveway will be on Howard Drive one hundred (100) feet off of River Road. This is near Collingwood Estates. The Planning Board would like the owner to have a turn-around in the driveway so that no one is backing on to Howard Drive.

The lot is located in a Medium Density Residential zoned district. A minimum ten foot side set back is required. There is presently nine feet, six inches for side set back, therefore a four inch variance is being requested.

The existing house will be torn down however the foundation will be used. Even though this is request is grandfathered this is giving the town a chance to make it right as far as set backs, etc. are concerned.

The Planning Board recommends that the Zoning Board of Appeals approve this request of Knack/Wood with the condition that the design allow a turn around driveway that has ingress/egress on Howard Drive. The motion was made by Anthony Collard, seconded by Jipp Ortiz. All in favor, motion unanimously carried.

After further research it was determined that no action is required as this is a substandard lot of record, and the setbacks may be reduced proportionally to the amount of nonconformance.

ELECT PLANNING BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2013

Anthony Collard made a motion to have Jipp Ortiz serve as the Vice Chairman of the Planning Board for 2013. Thomas Oddy seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion was unanimously carried.

ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS REPORT BY CHAIRMAN SPIRA

Chairman George Spira attended the Association of Towns meeting recently in New York City. He reported on the seminars that he attended. There will be a new revised Environmental Assessment Form for both long and forms. Attorney Dowd and Chairman Spira will do some research on this new form and present it at a training session for the Planning and Zoning Board some time this year.

CODE ENFORCER REPORT

Code Enforcer Roy Rogers submitted his reports for February 2013. He reported that he has issued six (6) building permits and fielded two complaints that were filed. Mr. Rogers reported that he continues to make periodic progress inspections on ongoing construction projects throughout the Town and is reviewing the Town Codification portfolio.

ATTORNEY DOWD REPORT

Town Attorney Michael Dowd gave an update on the Town of Lewiston Recreation and Senior Center. Mr. Dowd reported there is overwhelming support from the community on this project.

He is working on water and sewer arrangements with the Village of Youngstown. The contract between the village of Youngstown and the town of Porter expires in 2014. The village wants to be independent of the town. This is in the preliminary stages at this time.

ADJOURN MEETING

With no further business to come before the Planning Board tonight Anthony Collard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Donald McCollum seconded the motion. All in favor; motion unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela F. Parker, Secretary
Town of Porter Planning Board