

Chairman Spira called the regular meeting of the Town of Porter Planning Board to order at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 4, 2014. All members were present.

Chairman Spira read a letter to Barbara Dubell, Town Clerk, that announces his retirement from the Town of Porter Planning Board (after 36 years of service) effective December 31, 2014.

Chairman Spira turned the meeting over to Jipp Ortiz.

APPROVE JULY 3, 2014 MINUTES

Mr. Ortiz read aloud the minutes of the July 3, 2014 Planning Board. Anthony Collard made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Thomas Oddy seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Ortiz read a letter from Debra Allport, Tax Map Technician for Niagara County Real Property Service regarding the ownership of an existing roadway on the west side of Old Lake Road - a road named Lake Avenue. It is the recommendation of Ms. Allport that Thomas O'Connor's lawyer needs to address the subdivision from 1923 regarding this issue.

JOSH STACK BOATWORKS

Roy Rogers announced that he is working with Josh Stack, owner of Boatworks in order to see that the terms of the permit are being met. Mr. Stack is working to clean up the area since the town reminded Josh of the requirements included in the permit.

MICHAEL P. JEFFORDS HOME OCCUPATION REQUEST

Michael P. Jeffords, 3835 Ransomville Road has submitted a Request for Board Action for a home occupation – taxidermy. In as much as there is no one here tonight to represent this request, the Planning Board cannot act on it.

ANTHONY (BERNIE) ROTELLA PRESENTATION

Mr. Rotella came before the Planning Board to explain a grant he has prepared on behalf of the Town of Porter regarding a Local Water Improvement Plan. The Town of Porter does not have a plan in place for improvements to waterfront areas in the Town of Porter that encompass the Niagara River and Lake Ontario. This grant would allow the town to have access to funding to make such improvements. A committee would need to be formed and a consultant hired.

This grant opens funding from federal and state agencies. The cost for a consultant would be approximately \$34,000. Mr. Rotella expects this project to take about four years to complete. Mr. Rotella is looking for a volunteer for the committee tonight. The village of Youngstown should be invited to join this committee as well. The main objective of this grant is to develop the town park on Lake Road.

Michael Dowd would like to see a Port Authority created at the park. He has written a proposal to do so in the past. Perhaps a marina and restaurant could be built there.

CODE ENFORCER ROY ROGERS REPORT

Roy Rogers submitted his reports for the month of August. The Planning Board looked over the reports.

ATTORNEY DOWD REPORT

Michael Dowd reported that Mr. Freck came to court regarding his property on Balmer Road. Mr. Freck reported that Roy Rogers came to inspect his property before he had a chance to clean it up. Mr. Freck said he will have his property cleaned up next month.

Mr. Dowd reported that any Site Plan approval and Special Use Permit will be subject to a Public Hearing. The local law is being amended. A design standard should be included in the law.

With no further business to come before the Planning Board tonight, Anthony Collard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Thomas Oddy seconded the motion. Will all in favor the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela F. Parker, Secretary