

Portage Manor



Est. 1907

Licensed Residential Care Facility

*Robyn Challinor
Administrator*

Portage Manor Board of Managers **Meeting of February 10, 2022**

Garage Demolition

The County Engineer has forwarded to the Board a schedule for demolition of the old garage. County Engineering will solicit quotes for the demolition according to the proposed timetable of:

February 21, 2022 – Pre-bid meeting scheduled

Week of March 1, 2022 – County Commissioners to receive quotes

The Engineer will continue to update the Board as progress on the demolition moves forward.

Motels For Now

Representatives of the Motels For Now program addressed the Board regarding the potential for cooperation between their group and Portage Manor. They are also exploring options for their program moving forward.

Motels for Now are looking to establish a low-barrier facility to assist people in overcoming homelessness. Questions had been raised as to the feasibility of cooperation between their organization and Portage Manor as Portage Manor explores the possibility of a new facility.

Motels for Now has retained the architectural firm of MKM to assist them in drawing up plans for a 120 bed facility. They are currently exploring finding options. MKM is willing to share information with Portage Manor as their project progresses.

Tour of Byron Health

Portage Manor will be sending a group of staff and Board members to tour Byron Health Care's facility in Fort Wayne. There is interest in using Byron's model as a model for a new Portage Manor facility. Representatives of our architectural Firm, Dodd Kattman, will also join us for the meeting and tour of the facility.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Eby stated that COVID continues to be active at the Manor. Since January 1, we have had twenty-four residents test positive as well as eleven staff members. To date, none of the cases has required hospitalization.

Mr. Eby also reported that the Director of Nursing position has been filled and now the focus will be on filling positions in housekeeping. Christine Hinz will begin her duties as administrator on Monday, February 14, at which time Mr. Eby will assume the position of Deputy Administrator.