

**Town of Porter
Board of Zoning Appeals
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2020**

- A. Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
 - Present: Kremke, Eriksson, Burge, Madigan
 - Absent: Huyser
 - Also, Present: Ms. Sufana, Ms. Frost, Mr. Barry, and Mr. Mandon
- D. Quorum-There is enough present for a quorum.
- E. Consideration of Minutes from May 20, 2020
 - Ms. Madigan made a motion to approve the minutes with correction from the May 20, 2020 meeting, Mr. Eriksson seconded.
 - Motion approved 4-0 Ms. Madigan was not at meeting
- F. Audience Participation-NONE
- G. Old Business and Matters Tabled-NONE
- H. Preliminary Hearing-Ray Cahnman, 3030 Dearborn, Porter, is requesting a Developmental Standards Variance to reduce south setback to 7.0 from 15 ft and east setback to 5.4 ft from 15 ft. He will be replacing east wing of house with a new addition. Mr. Cahnman states he will be using the same footprint to make addition. He will be losing space but adding a two car garage. The property was an old fishing shack and will still be a one-bedroom house. He would like to get started as soon as he can. He is also requesting for the commission to suspend the rules for a public hearing tonight. Ms. Madigan asks will your plan create new parking spaces on parking lot side? Mr. Cahnman replies yes it will there is a gate there that will come down and the entrance to basement will be gone. Mr. Cahnman also supplied a letter with signatures from all but one of the surrounding neighbors. Mr. Barry comments the best drawing is the one with the red and black. Very much improved layout for a house just smaller.

Mr. Mandon states we all know this is a unique area. This will benefit the entire area. Taking old structures and modifying them is important. It is important to pay attention to people in the area and their concerns.

Mr. Eriksson made a motion to suspend the rules and hold a public hearing tonight, second by Ms. Madigan. Roll call vote 4-0. Motion passed.

Public hearing opened at 6:29 pm-Jennifer Klug, 200 Franklin St, thinks it is important for people to fix up their property and make it better. She is in favor of it.

There was no one in opposition.
Public hearing closed 6:31 pm.

Mr. Burge states it is a good improvement. And appreciates the letter with the signatures.

Mr. Eriksson comments it will be a great improvement for everybody.

Ms. Madigan states the sooner this get done the sooner the parking lot project can get done.

Ms. Madigan made a motion approve the variance for setbacks, second by Mr. Burge. Motion passed 4-0.

- I. Findings of Facts- Ms. Madigan approves the findings with the following addition to number 3. The proposed construction maintains existing setbacks and is on the side of the house facing the parking lot and street. Mr. Burge seconded motion. Motion passed 4-0.

- J. Other Business-
 - Update from Attorney-nothing
 - Board Comments-nothing

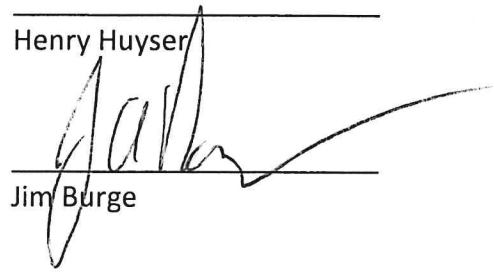
- K. Adjournment- 6:39 pm
 - Ms. Madigan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Eriksson seconded the motion
 - Motion approved 4-0


John Kremke, President


James Eriksson, Vice President

Henry Huyser


Laura Madigan


Jim Burge


Tammie Sufana, Secretary