

**Town of Porter  
Board of Zoning Appeals  
Meeting Minutes  
August 17, 2011**

A. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Present: Mr. Bell, Ms. Nelson, Mr. Timm, and Mr. Stinson

Absent: Mr. Huyser

Also present were: Ms. Laura Frost, Mr. Keiser, Mrs. Mitchell, and Mr. Mandon

D. Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to accept the June 15, 2011 minutes was made by Mr. Timm; second by Mr. Bell.  
Motion passed 4 – 0 via voice approval.

E. Audience Participation

None

F. Old Business and Matters Tabled

None

G. Preliminary Hearing

*Application for developmental variance permitting the installation of a windmill having a height of 120 ft. on the property of the applicants on which they operate the Pinkerton Oil Co., 75 East U. S. Highway 20, In Porter, made by Robert and Maria Poparad (BZA 05-11).*

Mr. Bob Welsch, the applicant's attorney, was present to represent his client, Robert Poparad. He addressed the Board and gave a brief description of the variance his client is requesting. The purpose of the windmill is for private use to generate electricity, etc. for his business.

Ms. Nelson would like to know the noise decibels of the windmill. Mr. Welsch stated that he would have that available for the Public Hearing.

Motion to set the application for public hearing in September was made by Mr. Bell; second by Mr. Timm. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Mr. Bell – yes

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Ms. Nelson – yes  
Mr. Timm – yes  
Mr. Stinson – yes

Mr. Mandon spoke to the Board and offered his recommended policies regarding small wind turbines. He passed out a typed document outlining the proposed policies for the Board to review.

H. Public Hearing

None

I. Finding of Fact

None

I. Update from the Board of Zoning Appeals Attorney

None

J. Update from the Board of Zoning Appeals Secretary

None

K. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Bell; second by Ms. Nelson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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Greg Stinson  
Vice-President

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Kara Mitchell  
Secretary