

**Town of Porter
Board of Zoning Appeals
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2011**

A. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

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

Absent: Mr. Kremke

Also present were: Mr. Lowe, Mr. Keiser, Mrs. Mitchell, and Mr. Mandon

D. Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to accept the March 16, 2011 minutes was made by Mr. Stinson; 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

None

H. Public Hearing

Application for variance made by J & L Bell Ltd., LLC, for the property located at the northeast corner of Woodlawn and 15th south of Conrail Tracks to have “gravel parking in Lieu of Portland Cement or Asphalt” (BZA 01-11).

John Bell was present to represent J & L Bell and describe their need for a variance. He mentioned several reasons as to why they would like the variance to be granted.

Financially it is less expensive to keep up a paved parking lot. An asphalt drive will get torn up by the trucks. The ordinance changed in 2004 and that was after the trucking company had been in business for many years. Also, the gravel surface would be better for water run off.

Motion to set the application for public hearing in May made by Mr. Stinson, second Ms. Nelson. Motion passed 4 – 0.

I. Finding of Fact

Application for use variance filed by Paul and Valerie Piotrowski.

Motion to approve the Finding of Fact was made by Mr. Stinson, second by Mr. Bell.
Motion approved 4 – 0.

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 Mr. Stinson. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Henry Huyser
Chairman

Kara Mitchell
Secretary