

**Town of Porter  
Board of Zoning Appeals  
Meeting Minutes  
June 16, 2010**

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

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

Absent: Mr. Huyser and Mrs. Mitchell

Also present were: Mr. Keiser and Mr. Lyp

D. Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to accept the May 19, 2010 minutes was made by Mr. Stinson; second by Mr. Kremke. Motion passed 4 – 0 via voice approval.

E. Audience Participation

Laurie Scobey, 129 Franklin Street, asked if there were any plans for a Dog Park in Porter. She was advised by the board to contact the Park Department.

Rick Scobey, 129 Franklin Street, asked if there was a rodent problem in Porter because he had seen a squashed rat near his home. He was advised by the Board to contact Art Elwood.

F. Preliminary Hearing

*Application for Variance made by Keenan Comer "the existing front yard is now at 13' – 0" from the property line as is the rest of the south side of Michigan Street. It is requested that the Young's can keep the same front yard as the rest of the street and as the previous home for aesthetic reasons" for the property located at 309 Michigan Street in Porter (BZA 05-10).*

The Young's house burnt down and they would like to bring in a modular home that would keep the same front yard setback so it would be aesthetically in line with the rest of the homes on the street.

Mr. Kremke asked about the front door location. Mr. Keiser commented that the code specifically addresses the front of the house and not the location of the door.

Motion to set the application for Public Hearing in the July meeting was made by Mr. Stinson; second by Mr. Kremke. Motion approved by voice approval 4 – 0.

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**G. Public Hearings**

*Application for Variance "in order to make vacant lot buildable, thus saleable, in order to construct a single family dwelling" made by Richard E. Scott and Robert E. Scott for the property located at 21 Dune Forest Trail in Porter (BZA 03-10).*

Mr. Bell asked Mr. Lyp if everything was legally in order for the Public Hearing. Mr. Lyp stated that everything seemed to be in order.

Richard E. Scott was present but did not want to make any comments.

Public Hearing was opened at 6:43 p.m.

Debbie Scott, Richard's wife, spoke in favor.

Rick Scobey, 129 Franklin Street, spoke in favor.

Paulene Poparad, Chesterton Tribune, asked what the exact nature of the variances is.

Public Hearing was closed at 6:46 p.m.

Ms. Nelson asked if this variance would make the lots similar to the other lots on the street. The applicant answered that yes, it would make the lot similar.

Motion to grant the variance was made by Ms. Nelson; second by Mr. Stinson. Motion approved 4 – 0.

Mr. Stinson – yes  
Ms. Nelson – yes  
Mr. Kremke – yes  
Mr. Bell – yes

*Application for Variance "Lot is 11,214 and needs to be 12,000 & frontage needs to be 90 across" made by Wesley Kozuszek for the property located at 1617 Main Street in Porter (BZA 04-10).*

Valerie Gramackie, the applicant's realtor, was present to represent the Kozuszek's.

Mr. Bell asked about needing a plat. Mr. Keiser explained that a plat is not a requirement for the BZA but it is for the Plan Commission.

Public Hearing was opened at 6:55 p.m.

No one spoke against or in favor of the petition.

A letter was received by Lawrence Arness, 1621 Main Street. The Board members were given a copy of the letter before the meeting.

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Public Hearing was closed at 6:57 p.m.

Motion to approve the petition contingent on Plan Commission approval was made by Mr. Kremke; second by Mr. Stinson. Motion approved 4 – 0.

Ms. Nelson – yes  
Mr. Kremke – yes  
Mr. Bell – yes  
Mr. Stinson – yes

H. 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 was made by Mr. Stinson; second by Ms. Nelson. Motion passed via voice approval.



Henry Huyser  
Chairman

 **ACTING SECRETARY**

Kara Mitchell  
Secretary