

**Town of Porter
Board of Zoning Appeals
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2008**

A. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Present: Mr. Huyser, Mr. Stinson, Mr. Kremke, Mr. Bell, Mr. Snyder

Absent: none

Also present were Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Lyp and Mr. Mandon

D. Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to accept the October 15, 2008 minutes as written was made by Mr. Huyser; second by Mr. Kremke. Motion passed via voice approval 5-0.

E. Audience Participation

None

F. New Business

None

G. Old Business and Matters Tabled

None

H. Preliminary Hearing

Application for variance made by the State Park Little League, Inc. for the property located north of Woodlawn Avenue, west of League Home, and south of the Chesterton Sewage Treatment Plant in Porter.

Terry Heistand, Attorney for State Park Little League, and Audra L. Peterson, President of State Park Little League were present. The State Park Little League would like permission to add parking and an additional field to be designated as the "challenger field." They are requesting a use variance to facilitate the additional parking and field.

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Mr. Bell stated that he is very involved in this project financially and work wise and questioned whether he should recuse himself. Mr. Lyp advised Mr. Bell that there is no reason why he should recuse himself for this meeting, but if he feels his decision would be swayed by his current involvement in the project, he should recuse himself at the next meeting.

Mr. Bell stated that there will be access to the rear parking from the back. It would be a one way in, one way out situation.

Motion to set to Public Hearing was made by Mr. Stinson; second by Mr. Huyser. Motion passed via voice approval.

I. Public Hearing

Application for variance made by Michael J. Henkel for the property located near the corner of Beam Street and Mineral Springs Road (2nd lot west) in Porter.

Mr. Henkel informed the Board that the Public Notice Sign was not posted within the 10 day limit. Mr. Mandon stated that he felt the application could be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Lyp agreed with Mr. Mandon.

Mr. Snyder requested that the application be brought up to date. He told Mr. Henkel that he should contact the clerk and redo the application.

Motion to table the application until the December meeting was made by Mr. Bell; second made by Mr. Huyser. Motion passed via voice approval.

J. Finding of Fact

None

K. Update from the Board of Zoning Appeals Attorney

None

L. Update from the Board of Zoning Appeals Secretary

None

M. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kremke; second by Mr. Huyser. The Board stood in adjournment at approximately 7:18 p.m.

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Bruce Snyder
Chairman

Kara Mitchell
Secretary

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