Town of Porter Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2006

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Present: Mr. Snyder, Mr. Donley, Mr. Huyser, and Mr. Stinson

Absent: Mr. Bell

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

D.

E. Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2006 regular meeting was made by Mr. Donley; second by Mr. Stinson. Motion carried via voice approval 4 - 0.

F. Audience Participation

None

G. Old Business and Matters Tabled

None

H. Preliminary Hearing

Application for use variance made by Shawn Zane for the property located at the far east end of Ackerman Drive – approximately 500 feet east of Waverly Road.

Mr. Zane represented himself at the meeting. He is hoping to erect a 36-foot by 45-foot Morton building to store his personal vehicles and equipment. He was mistakenly given a use variance form but it was determined he requires a developmental standard variance because the accessory garage structure would be in front of the building line of the home.

Mr. Eriksson asked Mr. Zane why he would not want to put the structure behind his home. Mr. Zane said that it was because it would destroy the view and that the land was too spongy.

Motion to set the application to public hearing was made by Mr. Huyser; second by Mr. Donley.

I. Public Hearing

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Application for variance made by Harvest Homes (R. Scott Jones) for property located in Marquette Pointe Subdivision (Lots 11, 18, 26, 27, and 28).

Mr. Jones notified the board president that he would like to be removed from the April 19, 2006 agenda because they were not ready for the meeting.

Motion to table the public hearing until the May meeting was made by Mr. Huyser; second by Mr. Stinson.

J. Finding of Fact

None

K. Update from Board of Zoning Appeals Attorney

Mr. Lyp updated the board on the Schmoll/Dines case. There is to be a hearing in September. Also, Ms. Cohen agreed to buy the property being disputed. A hearing to hear objections is scheduled for June 28th.

L. Requests from Board of Zoning Appeals Secretary

None

M. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Stinson; second by Mr. Donley.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Bruce Snyder	 	
Chairman		
Kara Mitchell		
Secretary		