

Town of Porter
Board of Zoning Appeals
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2005

A. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Present: Mr. Snyder, Mr. Niepokoj, Mr. Bell, Mr. Huyser, and Mr. Stinson

Absent: None

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

D. Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2005 regular meeting was made by Mr. Bell; second by Mr. Huyser. Motion carried via voice approval 5 – 0.

E. Audience Participation

None

F. Old Business and Matters Tabled

None

G. Preliminary Hearing

Harvest Homes, LLC is requesting permission to erect two 4' x 8' signs on Highway 20 near the intersection of Wagner Road.

Mr. Matt Evans, a representative of Harvest Homes, LLC., addressed the Board. He mentioned that Harvest Homes has purchased some lots in the Wagner Hills subdivision in Porter. They want to erect the two 4 x 8 signs in two different private properties off of Route 20 in Porter to help advertise their homes. Those properties are as follows:

Mr. Joe Barcelli – 150 West U. S. 20, Porter, Indiana

Mr. Dave Feinstein – 791 West U. S. 20, Porter, Indiana

Mr. Evans stated that these property owners have agreed to have the signs erected on their property.

Mr. Mandon mentioned that according to page 90 – Section J, the property owners must in writing agree to have the signs put up on their property. Mr. Evans said that he would do this by the time of the Public Hearing.

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Mr. Snyder questioned whether or not Harvest Homes owned all of the lots in Wagner Hills. Mr. Evans responded by saying there were a couple of lots not owned by Harvest Homes. However, he was unsure of the exact number of these lots.

Motion to set this request to Public Hearing was made by Mr. Bell; second by Mr. Huyser. Motion carried 5 – 0 via voice vote.

H. Public Hearing

None

I. Finding of Facts

Attorney Patrick Lyp read through supplemental finding of facts. Copies of these were given to each Board member. See tape to hear exactly what was read. He informed the Board that there was a court hearing on November 2nd or 3rd regarding the Dine's case.

Motion to adopt these supplemental finding of facts was made by Mr. Bell; second by Mr. Niepokoj. Motion carried 5 – 0 via voice vote.

J. Update from Board of Zoning Appeals Attorney

None

K. Requests from Board of Zoning Appeals Secretary

None

L. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25.

Bruce Snyder
Chairman

Kara Mitchell
Secretary