

Town of Porter
Board of Zoning Appeals
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2005

A. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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: Mr. Lyp and Mr. Mandon

Also present was Mrs. Mitchell

D. Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2005 regular meeting was made by Mr. Bell; second by Mr. Niepokoj. Motion carried via voice approval 4 – 0. (Because he was not currently on the BZA at the August 17th meeting, Mr. Stinson did not vote.)

E. Audience Participation

None

F. Old Business and Matters Tabled

None

G. Preliminary Hearing

Application for variance made by Robert and Louise Albrecht-Mallinger for property located at 3022 State Street in Porter.

Mr. Robert Albrecht-Mallinger addressed the BZA for a variance to build an approximately 25-foot by 18-foot addition on his home at 3022 State Street. The BZA members did not understand what portion of the zoning ordinance the addition would violate.

Mr. Niepokoj suggested Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger consult the Porter County Health Department because he is adding one bedroom; the addition also would include a single-car garage. Mr. Niepokoj said the size of required septic systems partially is based on the number of bedrooms.

The Board advised Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger to talk to the building commissioner, Mr. Bill Lewis and see if indeed he needed a variance. Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger agreed to do so.

H. BZA Hearing

None

I. Finding of Facts

None

J. Update from Board of Zoning Appeals Attorney

None

K. Requests from Board of Zoning Appeals Secretary

None

L. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bell; second by Mr. Niepokoj. Motion carried 4- 0 via voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.



Bruce Snyder
Chairman



Kara Mitchell
Secretary