

Town of Porter
Board of Zoning Appeals
Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2003

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mr. Beckman, Mr. Niepokoj, Mr. Chemma, and Mr. Bell. Absent, Mr. Childress. Quorum was established. Also present were Mr. Mandon and Mr. Zaremba.

C. Consideration of minutes from previous meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as written was made by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Niepokoj. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Audience Participation

None

E. Public Hearing

Request for Use Variance, 420 Wagner Road:

(Petition continued from previous BZA meeting)

Petitioners are requesting to store a semi-truck in a residential zone. Petitioners David and Cheryl Lagastee present for the request. Mr. Lagastee presented new drawings of plans and re-summarized what they want the variance for.

There were no staff report updates.

Discussion: Mr. Beckman stated his reasons for supporting the variance due to its relatively isolated location. Mr. Bell stated his reasons for not supporting the variance due to safety reasons near Yost Elementary School and on street parking from Wagner's Restaurant.

Motion to deny the variance request made by Mr. Bell; second by Mr. Chemma. Motion passed 3 – 1 with Mr. Beckman voting no.

Request for Developmental Standards Variance, 3005 State Street:

(Petition continued from previous BZA meeting)

Petitioner Darrell Boothe requesting to build a deck within required side yard. The petitioner has requested the BZA consider this variance at a later date.

Motion to table petition until the BZA hears from the petitioner made by Mr. Bell; second by Mr. Niepokoj. Motion passed 4 – 0.

F. Preliminary Hearing

None

G. Other Business

None

H. Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Bell to adjourn; second by Mr. Chemma. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

John Beckman
Chairman

Lisa Liebert
Secretary