

Town of Porter
Board of Zoning Appeals
Meeting Minutes
June 18, 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. Chemma, second by Mr. Niepokoj. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Audience Participation

Paulene Poparad re: why no agenda was available at the Town Clerk's office.

E. Public Hearing

Request for Use Variance, 420 Wagner Road: Petitioners David Scott and Cheryl Lagastee present for the request. Petitioners are requesting to store a semi-truck in a residential zone.

Public hearing opened at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Zaremba stated all requirements were met and thus the public hearing may proceed. Mr. Lagastee stated why he wanted to store his semi truck at his new home. President requested comments from proponents to the request. Mrs. Sessa, realtor that sold house, spoke in favor of the petition. There were no other proponents. The President requested comments from opponents. There were none.

Staff report. Mr. Mandon stated that the petitioner does not meet all five conditions required by state statute for the granting of a use variance. He recommends the BZA deny the petition.

Board discussion by Mr. Bell on an ordinance specifically prohibiting this type of vehicle in a residential district and safety concerns near Yost school. Also comment by Mr. Beckman that it is a reasonable request considering the relative isolation of the house on Wagner Road.

Motion to table petition until the next regularly scheduled BZA meeting made by Mr. Bell; second by Mr. Chemma. Motion passed 4 – 0. Public Hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

Request for Developmental Standards Variance, 3005 State Street: Petitioner Darrell Boothe requesting to build a deck within required side yard.

There was no one present for this petition and all the requirements for a public hearing were not met therefore no public hearing was held. Mr. Mandon stated the petition is still incomplete without an engineer's platted survey of the property.

Motion to table petition until the next regularly scheduled BZA meeting made by Mr. Chemma; second by Mr. Bell. Motion passed 4 – 0.

F. Preliminary Hearing

None

G. Other Business

Discussion on action taken by the Town Council on Sederberg home on Rankin Street.

H. Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Bell to adjourn; second by Mr. Chemma. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

John Beckman
Chairman

Lisa Liebert
Secretary