

Town of Porter
Board of Zoning Appeals
Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2001

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Election of Officers

Nomination of Mr. Beckman for President made by Mr. Bell; second by Mr. Niepokoj. Motion to close nominations by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Chemma. Motion to elect Mr. Beckman as President by Mr. Chemma, second by Mr. Bell. Motion carried 4-0

Nomination of Mr. Bell for Vice President by made by Mr. Chemma; second by Mr. Niepokoj. Motion to close nominations by Mr. Chemma; second by Mr. Niepokoj. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Consideration of minutes from previous meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as corrected was made by Mr. Bell. Second by Mr. Chemma. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Audience Participation

There was no audience participation.

E. Old Business

1. **Public Hearing, New Concept Homes, Ltd.:** John Kremke, Duneland Group, representing the petitioner, requesting a 0.4' front setback variance for a single family home currently under construction on Lot #9, to correct an error made during foundation layout.

The public hearing was opened at 7:10 p.m. There were no proponents or opponents to the request. The hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m. Staff report as read from Mr. Mandon recommends approval of the request. Mr. Bell stated he wanted a letter drafted from the board to New Concept Homes regarding concern over their oversight. Motion to grant the variance by Mr. Bell; second by Mr. Chemma. Motion carried 4-0.
2. **Public Hearing, J.R. Reese:** J.R. Reese requesting a developmental standards variance for property located on the northeast corner of U.S. 20 and Waverly Road to permit a new canopy to extend within the required setback.

The public hearing was opened at 7:14 p.m. There were no proponents or opponents to the request. The hearing was closed promptly at 7:14 p.m. The Planner's report was read by Mr. Beckman and is attached to the hard copy of the minutes. Motion to table the petitioner's request to the next regularly scheduled meeting by Mr. Bell; second by Mr. Niepokoj. Motion carried 4-0.

E. New Business

None

F. Other Business

1. **Discussion of Cell Tower Ordinance:** The information has been submitted to the Town Council and is currently under legal review.
2. **Discussion of notification procedures:** The information has been submitted to the Town Council. Mr. Mandon will appear before the council to discuss his findings at the Council's request.

E. Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Bell to adjourn; Second by Mr. Chemma. Meeting adjourned at 7:35p.m.

John Beckman
Chairman

Lisa Liebert
Secretary