

Town of Porter
Board of Zoning Appeals
Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2000

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mr. Niepokoj arrived late.

C. Consideration of minutes from previous meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as written was made by Mr. Childress. Second by Mr. Chemma. Motion carried 3-0.

D. Audience Participation

There was no audience participation.

E. Old Business

1. **Public Hearing, Steel City Express:** Doug Homeier and John Martin (Lighting Consultant) present to speak on behalf of the petitioners. Petitioner is requesting a height variance for three 100' parking lot cluster lights (8 lights per cluster) for a parking lot on property located at 1441 West U.S. Highway 20.

The public hearing was opened at 7:15 p.m. Proponents of the request were Jackie Chapman, 1333 Berg Street; Pricilla Lora/Mrs. Ramirez, 1371 Sunset Lane; Len McEmery, Steel City Express. Mr. McEmery established he would make changes to the lighting if it became a problem for the neighboring resident's. There were no opponents to the request. The hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m.

Mr. Mandon indicated that the illumination appears satisfactory, and stated he believes lighting is necessary in the area, therefore recommending approval of the petitioners request. Mr. Chemma questioned the type of light to be used, metal halite. Mr. Zaremba stated one notice was missing from Gernsna, but suggested the board proceed subject to complete verification of public notice. Motion to approve the request carried 4-0.

E. New Business

1. **Preliminary Hearing:** Request for variance on front yard setback for lot #9 in Marquette Point subdivision. John Kremke present on behalf of the petitioner. Request is being made to allow for clear title on the property. Motion by Mr. Chemma to move to public hearing at the December 20, 2000 meeting. Second by Mr. Childress. Motion carried 4-0.

E. Other Business

1. **Discussion of Notice Requirements and Research Fees:** Mr. Mandon recommended use of signage upon the property being considered and notice provided to contiguous owners. It was stated the recommendation would be presented to the members of the Town Council.

F. Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Childress to adjourn. Second by Mr. Chemma. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

John Beckman
Chairman

Lisa Liebert
Secretary