

Town of Porter
Board of Zoning Appeals
Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2000

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance

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

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. Niepokoj. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Audience Participation

There was no audience participation.

E. Old Business

1. **Erby Gouger, 1545 E. Main**, request for a use variance to add a second residence to single family residential property. Petitioner was not present. Mr. Beckman indicated he would investigate the petitioner's intentions and have an answer for the board at the October 18, 2000 meeting.
2. **Debra Whiten, Public Hearing**: Petitioner is requesting a use variance to run a dog grooming service out of her home (once built) in the Marquette Point subdivision.

The public hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m. There were no individuals present to speak in favor or against the petitioner's request. The public hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m.

Mr. Mandon recommended denial of the petitioner's request, as it did not meet the specifications required to grant a use variance.

Motion by Mr. Bell to deny the request for use variance based upon the findings of fact and the subdivision covenants. Second by Mr. Niepokoj. Motion carried 3-0 with Mr. Childress abstaining based upon conflict of interest (refer to 36-7-4-909 of code.)

E. New Business

F. Other Business

1. Discussion of hearing notice procedures for petitioners. There will be continued research of the issue to be discussed at the October 18, 2000 meeting.

G. Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Bell to adjourn. Second by Mr. Childress. Motion carried 4-0.

John Beckman
Chairman

Lisa Liebert
Secretary