

Town of Porter
Board of Zoning Appeals
Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2000

A. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Present were Mr. Chemma, Mr. Bell, Mr. Niepokoj, and Mr. Beckman. Absent was 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 corrected was made by Mr. Chemma. Second by Mr. Niepokoj. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Audience Participation

There was no audience participation.

E. Old Business

There was a small discussion regarding the procedure for 'finding of fact.'

F. New Business

1. **Public Hearing, Travel Centers of America:** Ken Anderson of Elrod and Company was present to speak on behalf of the petitioner. The petitioner is requesting to increase the signage area on the property by 70 feet.

The public hearing was opened at 7:10 p.m. There were no citizens present to speak in favor or opposed to the request. The public hearing was closed at 7:11 p.m.

Mr. Mandon discussed the three standards required to grant the request. Mr. Mandon stated he believed the conditions had been met, and that he recommended the petition be approved.

Motion to grant the use variance subject to proper notice to surrounding properties was made by Mr. Bell. Second by Mr. Chemma. Motion carried 4-0.

2. **Public Hearing, Erby Gouger, 1545 E. Main:** Laura and Erby Gouger present to speak. The petitioner is requesting a use variance to add a second residence to a single-family residential property.

The public hearing was opened at 7:25 p.m. There were no citizens present to speak in favor or in opposition to the request. The public hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m.

Mr. Mandon discussed the five standards required to grant the petitioners request. Mr. Mandon stated he did not believe the conditions had been met, and inquired about other options the petitioner could have. There was discussion among the board regarding safety concerns for the resident. There was discussion between the board and the petitioner to reach a viable

agreement for the resident and the community.

Motion to table the request until the building commissioner could review the possibilities with the petitioner was made by Mr. Chemma. Second by Mr. Niepokoj. Motion carried 4-0.

G. Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Bell to adjourn. Second by Mr. Chemma. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

John Beckman
Chairman

Lisa Liebert
Secretary