

**Town of Porter
Board of Zoning Appeals
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2020
Hawthorne Park Building**

- A. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
 - Present: Kremke, Eriksson, Burge, Madigan, Huyser
 - Absent: Mr. Mandon
 - Also, Present: Ms. Sufana, Ms. Frost, Mr. Barry
- D. Quorum-There is enough present for a quorum.
- E. Consideration of Minutes from June 17, 2020
 - Ms. Madigan made a motion to approve the minutes with correction from the June 17, 2020 meeting, Mr. Eriksson seconded.
 - Motion approved 5-0
- F. Audience Participation-NONE
- G. Old Business and Matters Tabled-NONE
- H. Preliminary Hearing-David Rodgers, 751 Wood St, Developmental Standards Variance to build a fence on east side of house that according to town code is a second front yard. Mr. Rodgers states they just moved in, it is a corner lot and the house sits well back into yard. He would like to put up a fence on side yard and go back around to his garage for his two dogs. The fence would be a 5ft wrought iron and would not obstruct view.

Mr. Barry comments his yard is a triangular yard and the shape of it is a hardship. Mr. Barry has spoke to Mr. Mandon about this and he agrees it is a hardship.

Ms. Madigan made a motion to set Mr. Rodgers application for public hearing on November 18, 2020, Mr. Burge seconded.
Motion passed 5-0.

- I. Public Hearing-
- J. Other Business-Johnson Inn-Mr. Barry issued a building standards order in August and reissued it in September for unsafe building and that it will need to be sealed within 90 days and exterior improvement.
On September 21, Mr. Barry, Mr. Craig, Mr. Dahlin, and his son Chris did an inspection of the building. The building structure is very sound; gas is turned off, electrically no fire hazard. The main thing of concern is the exterior of building. The South porch he recommends it get fixed or removed. Mr. Barry has spoken with Mr. Dahlin and he is trying to sell the building. Chris Dahlin, representing Carl Dahlin, states he has received a few bids on it. He apologizes for not having much information for board.

Ms. Frost states that under statute this order is required to have a hearing. Your job is to affirm the order, rescind the order, or modify the order.

Mr. Eriksson comments with the weather getting bad they are not going to be able to work on the exterior of building.

Ms. Madigan states it needs to be safe and sealed up now and fixed up in spring.

Mr. Kremke asked about south porch. Mr. Barry states the porch would have to be torn down or modified if the building is rehabbed. Mr. Barry would like the stairs blocked off from the public.

Ms. Frost points out for clarification the ordered will be recorded.


Ms. Madigan made a motion the affirm part of Mr. Barry's order for the building be sealed by December 9, 2020. But extending B&C of exterior improvements and maintenance on building until July 1, 2021, Mr. Huyser seconded motion. Motion passed after roll call vote 5-0.

Update from Attorney-nothing
Board Comments-nothing

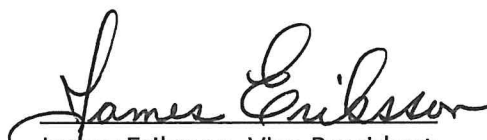
K. Adjournment- 6:30 pm

Mr. Burge made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Huyser seconded the motion


Motion approved 5-0



John Kremke, President



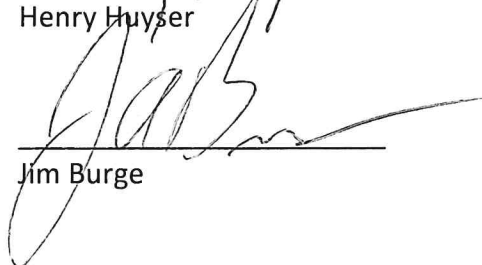
James Eriksson, Vice President



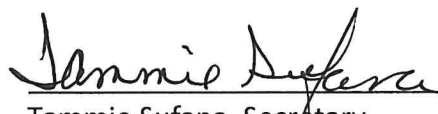
Henry Huyser



Laura Madigan



Jim Burge



Tammie Sufana, Secretary