

**Town of Porter
Board of Zoning Appeals
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2021
ZOOM MEETING**

- A. Meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
 - Present: Kremke, Eriksson, Burge, Huyser, Madigan
 - Also, Present: Ms. Sufana, Ms. Frost, Mr. Barry, Mr. Mandon
- D. Quorum-There is enough present for a quorum.
- E. Consideration of Minutes from February 17, 2021
 - Mr. Eriksson made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the February 17, 2021 meeting, Mr. Burge seconded.
 - Motion approved 5-0 roll call vote
- F. Audience Participation-NONE
- G. Old Business and Matters Tabled-NONE
- H. Preliminary Hearing-
- I. Public Hearing- Joshua Griffith, 504 Lincoln St, requesting a Developmental Standards Variance of 167 sq ft maximum, 21ft height/3ft above maximum 18 ft, 21 ft setback/14 ft above 35 ft setback to build a pole barn. He is asking for three variances barn will be same height as house, and size 30x40. He has reclaimed pole barn from someone else and wants to put on his property.
 - Public hearing opened 5:39 p.m-In favor-Ray Griffith, father and property owner,25 years ago Chesterton let him do the same thing so he can store his cars and repair them. His son, Joshua, would like to follow in his footsteps.
 - In opposition-no one.
 - Public hearing closed 5:40 p.m
 - Mr. Mandon asks what he plans on doing with barn and will he be renting it out? Mr. Griffith states he will be storing his cars and working on his cars only.
 - Mr. Barry states it is a reclaimed barn he will be putting up. He will be able to enclose all his vehicle instead of having them in the yard. He thinks it will be an improvement to the area.
 - Mr. Burge asks how old is the building in the picture and will it have plumbing and electrical? Also, what kind of driveway and flooring will it be. Mr. Griffith states the picture was taken in November of 2020 and no plumbing just electrical. The floor will be concrete and the driveway in due time will be concrete but right now it will be gravel.
 - Ms. Madigan asks if petition needs to determine a hardship. Mr. Kremke states yes it does.

Ms. Madigan asks what the hardship is, and Mr. Griffith states the deterioration of his vehicles in his yard. Ray Griffith, father and owner, they can alter to an extent but does not think they can make it to code.

Mr. Kremke concurs with Ms. Madigan's question regarding hardship.

Ms. Frost states Standard code will result in practical difficulties in the use of the property.

Mr. Mandon explains it would be like an odd shape lot where you cannot make side yard or rear yard.

Mr. Burge asks about barn now. Mr. Griffith says it is just a pile of wood right.

Mr. Huyser says the roof does not look extremely pitched can you take 3ft off the bottom. Mr. Griffith states he needs the height for car lifts so there is enough room for them to raise. Right now, the height is 16ft when done.

Mr. Eriksson made a motion to approve petition as presented, Mr. Huyser made second. Roll call vote 3-2 Eriksson, Huyser, Burge yes, Madigan Kremke no. Motion carries.

- J. Findings of Fact-Mr. Eriksson made a motion to approve the finding of facts as written, Mr. Huyser made second.

Roll call vote 3-2 Eriksson, Huyser, Burge yes, Madigan, Kremke no. Motion carries.

- K. Other Business-Mr. Kremke states will have the updated forms at next month meeting to go over.

Update from Attorney-nothing
Board Comments-

- L. Adjournment- 6:06 pm

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

Motion approved 5-0 roll call vote.


John Kremke, President
Henry Huyser, Vice President
James Eriksson
Laura Madigan
Jim Burge
Tammie Sufana, Secretary