

**Town of Porter  
Board of Zoning Appeals  
Meeting Minutes  
August 18, 2021  
Porter Town Hall**

- A. Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
  - Present: Kremke, Eriksson, Burge, Huyser, Madigan
  - Absent: Ms. Frost
  - Also, Present: Ms. Sufana, Mr. Sobkowski, Mr. Mandon, Mr. Barry
- D. Quorum-There is enough present for a quorum.
- E. Consideration of Minutes from July 21, 2021
  - Mr. Eriksson made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the July 21, 2021 meeting, Ms. Madigan seconded.
  - Motion approved 5-0.
- F. Audience Participation-
- G. Old Business and Matters Tabled-NONE
- H. Preliminary Hearing-
- I. Public Hearing-Katherine & Edward Michna, 1801 W Beam St, is requesting a Developmental Standards Variance for a 6ft privacy fence approximately 145-160 ft long on west side of property only. Mr. Michna stated the center of road is 32 ft from where the fence would start.
  - Public Hearing opened at 5:37 p.m.- there was no in favor of petition. Carolyn Kipper, 604 Shannon Dr, Chesterton, is owns the property at 1803 Beam St, states this privacy fence would decrease property value. It would also promote theft and vandalism being the only house at end of Beam St that is blocked from view. She states she just found out today about the problem and that she is putting the house up for sale. This is why she is in opposition of petition.
  - Mrs. Michna states doesn't feel she should be afraid to go out in her own yard. Mr. Michna also states the fence will reduce visual site for the dogs so they can go out in there yard safely.
  - Public Hearing closed at 5:47 p.m.

Mike Walsh, 1211 Sycamore St, Crown Point, IN 46307, he is Mrs. Kipper's son and they just found out about the problem. If they had known there was issues, they would have done something but now they cannot until after October.

Mr. Mandon asks what good is putting up a fence if the rest of yard isn't fenced. He does not think it will work.

Mr. Eriksson made a motion to deny the variance, Mr. Huyser seconded.  
Motion passed 3-2 Roll call vote. In favor of motion Huyser, Eriksson, Kremke. Against motion Madigan, Burge.

J. Findings of Fact-NONE



K. Other Business-NONE

Update from Attorney-nothing  
Board Comments-

L. Adjournment- 6:27 pm

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

Motion approved 5-0 roll call vote.

  
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John Kremke, President  
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Henry Huyser, Vice President  
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Jim Burge  
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