

**Town of Porter
Board of Zoning Appeals
Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2017**

- A. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
 - Present: Kremke, Timm, Sexton, Madigan
 - Also, Present: Ms. Sufana, Mr. Blankenburg, Mr. Mandon
 - Absent: Ms. Frost, Mr. Huyser, Mr. Barry
- D. Quorum-There is enough present for a quorum.
- E. Consideration of Minutes from September 20, 2017
 - Mr. Sexton made a motion to accept the minutes as written from the September 20, 2017 meeting, Mr. Timm seconded.
 - Motion approved 4-0
- F. Audience Participation-NONE
- G. Old Business and Matters Tabled-NONE
- H. Preliminary Hearing-
- I. Public Hearing- Michele Schmitt, 15 Franklin St, requesting a use variance, to utilize existing upstairs apartment in Single family residential as a rental unit.
 - Michele Schmitt, 15 franklin St, has an existing apartment at her home, it was an apartment years ago. She is looking to renovate it for family. It has its own entrance and deck in the back. Ms. Schmitt states there is ample parking in the front and additional parking in the back. Also, allowing this would increase the value of the home is she decides to sell it.
 - Public hearing opened at 6:32 pm Mr. Kremke read 3 letters in favor of variance from neighbors, there was no one in opposition of it.
 - Public hearing closed at 6:33 pm

Mr. Mandon recommends we approve the variance. Since the structure has existed in its present condition as a two-unit structure for several years and is not changing it will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community, and the use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner.

Mr. Kremke asked about ample parking and Ms. Schmitt states there will be ample enough parking. Ms. Madigan comments being it is a double lot she feels there is also enough parking.

Mr. Timm made a motion to approve the variance, Ms. Madigan seconded. Roll call vote 4 yes's.
Motion passed 4-0

Finding of Facts

Mr. Blankenburg states that the findings are in order but he suggests at to #3 that the improvement was built as a two-unit building with only an exterior stairway.

Mr. Timm made a motion to accept the findings with the addition included, Mr. Sexton seconded.

Motion passed 4-0

J. Other Business-

Update from Attorney-nothing

Board Comments-nothing

K. Adjournment- 6:37 pm


Mr. Timm made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sexton seconded the motion

Motion approved 5-0

Next Meeting will be held on November 15, 2017



John Kremke, President

Henry Huyser, Vice President

Ken Timm

Laura Madigan

William Sexton

Tammie Sufana, Secretary