

**Town of Porter
Board of Zoning Appeals
Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2015**

A. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Present: Kremke, Timm, Huyser, Stronks, Sexton

Also Present: Ms. Sufana, Ms. Frost,

Absent: Mr. Mandon

D. Quorum-There is enough present for a quorum.

E. Consideration of Minutes from June 17, 2015

Mr. Timm made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 15, 2015

Mr. Stronks seconded

Motion approved 5-0

F. Audience Participation-

G. Old Business and Matters Tabled

H. New Business

1. Public Hearing

Joel Pisowicz for Donald & Karen Pisowicz

300 Waverly Porter

Requesting a usage variance for non residential structure in residential area

Open public hearing 6:35 pm

Walter Cox 120 Oakhill Rd.

Concerned with roads doesn't want road closed or blocked off so he cannot get to his property.

Bob Poparad-Pinkerton Oil- has no issue with it at all. We need to help bring the young people back to area.

Close public hearing 6:40 pm

Mr. Mandon could not be at meeting and sent in a comment he would favor the use variance with the condition that the building be used as an art studio and that the external appearance be residential in nature.

Mr. Sexton asked if there was a slab there all ready. Mr. Pisowicz said yes there was.

Mr. Sexton made a motion to approve the variance. Mr. Timm seconded the motion.

Motion passed 5-0

Ms Frost suggests finding #4 the location configuration of the property is conducive to a art studio and the surrounding properties are residential and business.

Finding #5 the property is surrounded by residential and business and is compatible.

Mr. Sexton made a motion to amend the motion to include Mr. Mandon's comments. Mr. Timm seconded the motion.
Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Stronks made a motion to accept the finding of facts as amended. Mr. Huyser seconded the motion
Motion passed 5-0

2. Public Hearing

Olivia Tschewik

142 Hjelm Rd Porter

Developmental standards variance-screen in porch within rear yard setback

Ms. Tschewik would like to screen in back porch.

Open public hearing 6:45 pm no one in favor, nor against petitioner.

Public hearing closed 6:45 pm

Mr. Timm made a motion approve the variance requested. Mr. Stronks seconded the motion
Motion passed 5-0

Ms. Frost suggests adding a statement in #1 that porch already exists just screening it in. #2 the porch already exists and will not be enlarged just screened in.

Mr. Stronks made a motion to accept the finding of facts as amended. Mr. Sexton seconded the motion.
Motion passed 5-0

3. Chuck Welter and Stephen Pease petition

1. Suspend the rule in Article X to allow the BZA to consider the petition sooner than the 1 year after the prior rejection

Mr. Stronks asked if the purpose is to get it on the next agenda.

Mr. Sexton made the motion to suspend the rule. Mr. Stronks seconded the motion.

Roll vote- Kremke- yes, Huyser-yes, Timm-yes, Sexton-yes, Stronks-yes

Motion passed 5-0

2. Suspend the rules to permit a Preliminary and Public hearing in the same night

Mr. Sexton asked what is reason for rush assumes it is building season. Mr. Welter agreed. Mr. Stronks says this is a little more difficult we have no plans to look at.

Mr. Huyser made a motion to suspend the rules to make a preliminary and public meeting in the same night. Mr. Sexton seconded the motion.

Roll vote-Kremke-yes, Huyser-no, Timm-no, Sexton-no, Stronks-no

Motion denied 1-4

I. Other Business- none

Update from Attorney-nothing


Board Comments-nothing

J. Adjournment- 6:57 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 August 19, 2015



President Date 8-19-15



Secretary Date 8-19-15